



The City of Auburn Hills
City Council Meeting
Minutes

September 28, 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, Knight, Mitchell, Verbeke
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Kittle, Council Member Hammond
Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, Police Chief Olko, Fire Chief Manning, Assistant Fire Chief Macias, City Clerk Kowal, City Assessor Lohmeier, Finance Director / Treasurer Schulz, Deputy Finance Director Wickenheiser, DPW Director Melchert, Senior Director Adcock, Recreation Director Marzolf, Golf Pro Marmion, Community Development Director Cohen, Assistant City Planner Keenan, Management Assistant Mariuz, City Engineer Juidici, City Attorney Beckerleg.
21 Guests

Mayor McDaniel explained approval of the 2016 Annual Budget is on this evening's agenda, including a public hearing for anyone wishing to ask questions about the budget. The budget process began in early June and is wrapping up this evening with the adoption of the 2016 budget.

Continuing, he explained the budget process takes many weeks, including a series of Council workshops. Both he and other Council Members take advantage of the opportunities to ask staff questions regarding their specific department budgets.

Noting all the work that has gone into this budget process, and two Council Members are unable to attend this evening's Council meeting, he asked if there would be any objections from the present Council Members to open the public hearing and keep the public hearing open until the next Council meeting, October 12, 2015, for approval when all Council Members are present.

Responding to Ms. Verbeke, Mayor McDaniel explained the public hearing has been posted for this evening's meeting, so the public hearing will be opened and remain open until the next Council meeting, when action will be taken. This postponement will still be ahead of the deadline.

There was no objection from the present Council Members to proceed as suggested by Mayor McDaniel.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. Regular City Council – September 14, 2015

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve the September 14, 2015 City Council meeting minutes.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 15.09.177

Motion Carried (5-0)

4b. City Council Workshop – August 24, 2015

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the August 24, 2015 City Council Workshop meeting minutes.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 15.09.178

Motion Carried (5-0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Presentation – October and November Fundraising Initiatives

Police Chief Olko explained for these two months, part of the strict appearance code will be suspended.

Officer Michelle Hessie explained there will be a breast cancer awareness fundraiser for the month of October. The funds raised from the initiatives will be donated to the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Pink undershirts can be worn in place of the black undershirts under the uniform shirts, for a donation. Silicone bracelets have been ordered and will be available for sale; the bracelets are pink with Auburn Hills Police and Fire Department printed on them. The bracelets will be available to both the public and employees for a \$5.00 donation. There will be link from the City's website to follow the progress, as well as allowing others to make contributions.

Officer Brad Brasil explained he is heading up the November movement also known as 'No-Shave November', which allows the men to grow facial hair (which is not allowed in the Department), supporting many men's health issues such as testicular cancer, prostate cancer, and men's general health issues. In conjunction with No-Shave November, is the Move

movement, which everyone can participate in relating to physical activity. There is also a website for these initiatives, and a link can be found on the City's website.

5b. Presentation – Award to NOCWA/American Public Works Association

Mr. Melchert presented the North Oakland County Water Authority award, received from the State Public Works Association. Annually, there will be \$3.8 million saved through this initiative, for the four participating communities. The residents will also see improved water quality, reliability and pressure.

This project was presented at the Michigan Municipal League conference, and was one of four finalists for the Community Excellence Award. This project was also presented at the American Water Works Association state conference. This will be presented at the American Water Works Association Utility Manager's conference in San Diego and at the American Water Works Association national conference in Chicago.

Mr. Knight asked if this project takes the place of the DWSD's pumping station that was to be built in Auburn Hills, and if this will make Auburn Hills and the other three communities independent from Detroit.

Mr. Melchert stated the Orion pump station feeds the north end of Auburn Hills and Orion Township. The improvements through NOCWA allow for less improvements to be done to that pump station, making any pump improvements less costly.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

- 7a.1. Tax Increment Finance Authority – September 8, 2015
- 7a.2. Tax Incentive Review Committee – September 14, 2015
- 7a.3. Beautification Advisory Commission – September 16, 2015

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 15.09.179

Motion Carried (5–0)

8. OLD BUSINESS

8a. Public Hearing/Motion – Adopt Ordinance 15-870 Smoking Lounge

Police Chief Olko stated there is no more information than what was discussed at the previous meeting. The Department endorses the hours of operation, extending the hours until 2:00 a.m.

Mayor McDaniel opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. and hearing no comments, closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To adopt Ordinance 15-870 to amend City Ordinance Chapter 10, Article III, Smoking Lounges of the Auburn Hills City Code requiring smoking lounges to be closed daily from 2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Knight stated he will vote in favor for extending the hours of operation; however, if problems arise, the hours of operation can be revisited.

Mayor McDaniel thanked Chief Olko and her staff have for paying close attention to this issue and for keeping communications opened between the Police Department and the City's small business owners.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 15.09.180

Motion Carried (5–0)

8b. Motion – First and Second Quarter Landfill Reports

Mr. Keenan explained the monitoring network at the landfill appears to be adequate to detect potential releases to the environment.

Andy Foerg, Environmental Consulting Solutions, happily stated there isn't much to report. The retention basin is currently dry. Toluene (a VOC), was reported at levels just above the laboratory detection limit in MW-34 and MW-43. It is believed the detections are false positives, but retesting will be conducted.

Ms. Mitchell asked how much time lapses between the retesting.

Mr. Foerg explained the retesting must be done within 90 days. Based on his experience, he believes the first sampling had a glitch, either from the field or the lab. The contaminates are so miniscule, it wouldn't be detected by smell, sight or taste.

Responding to Mr. Knight, Mr. Foerg explained he observes the samplings taken, he nor his staff collect samples or supervises the collection. A third party collects the samples; people he knows well and has worked with over the years.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To accept the First and Second Quarter Y2015 Monitoring Network Review Summaries prepared by Environmental Consulting Solutions of the Oakland Heights Development Landfill Reports.

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

Resolution No. 15.09.181

Motion Carried (5–0)

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Public Hearing/Motion – Request for IFEC for Orhan North American for New Real and Personal Property

Mr. Lohmeier explained an IFEC application for Orhan North America, also known as Nobel Automotive, for real property and personal property has been received. The property is located at 1160 Centre Road. This is an existing property that has been vacated and improvements have been ongoing since the beginning of the year.

The parcel consists of 1.180 acres and is located in I-1; Light Industrial zoning. This property is located within the Four Northwestern Corporation/Bert L. Smokler & Company, IDD.

This request was submitted on August 7, 2015, and the applicant is requesting a waiver of the City's policy and provide a six month lookback on the cost. Meetings with this company have been on-going since March, with good-faith improvements to the property. The filing of the application was held up until August, to include accurate costs on the property lease agreement.

The real property improvement investment is \$783,493 and the personal property investment is \$463,581, a total investment of \$1,247,074. The building is older and is approximately 21,156 square feet. Some of the quality improvements are plumbing, HVAC and electrical. Site improvements include the parking lot and exterior lighting. The personal property consists of IT related equipment, furniture, testing equipment and metal machining equipment.

To the best of staff's knowledge, there are no delinquent taxes owed, pending appeals or other abatements by the applicant within Auburn Hills.

If the abatement is granted, the potential real property tax savings for the applicant will be approximately \$70,000. The applicant would receive an approximate tax savings of \$8,800 annually. The City will receive an increase in revenue of approximately \$2,000 in the first tax year. Based on reviewing the application and the City's property tax incentive policy, the applicant qualifies for an eight year abatement, beginning December 31, 2015 and ending December 30, 2023.

Ms. Mitchell asked if the City played any factor in the six month delay, for the six month lookback request.

Mr. Lohmeier explained the City did not. The company could have applied in March but did not have complete accurate information; however, Mr. Alyameni, the IT Operations Manager, in good faith, wanted to have all the correct information, which is why the application wasn't filed until August.

Ms. Mitchell appreciates accurate information, however, the City Policy she believes allows for the applicant adequate time to receive all the accurate information. She isn't in favor of supporting the request, with no valid reason.

Mayor McDaniel stated he recalls when he sat on the then Tax Abatement Review Committee, the Policy was being reviewed and quite a bit of discussion concentrated on this particular portion of the Policy. The Committee determined the need for an applicant to file in a timely manner.

Mr. Lohmeier recalled the new Policy was adopted in 2012, when the Tax Abatement Review Committee, changed its name to the Tax Incentive Review Committee (TIRC). The TIRC routinely receives six month lookback requests, because the State of Michigan provides for it. Under State law, every company that goes to another community, the State allows the company a six month window prior to filing an application as long as the IDD district has been created. Auburn Hills is the only city that he is aware of, that one applies for an abatement prior to spending any money. Both the TIRC and City Council have been discussing this issue and he believes the general consensus is moving towards the State's requirements. Most applicants begin at the State level and follow those requirements and then come to the community and assume that the community follows the State requirements.

Continuing, Mr. Lohmeier noted there is a difference with older buildings, not knowing what is needed or the condition of a building until the building begins renovations.

Mayor McDaniel noted this Policy has been reviewed and there was a reason the Committee chose to keep the language in the Policy. He doesn't understand why the initial application cannot be completed and provide additional information as it becomes available.

Mr. Lohmeier explained the application and fee can be submitted, but the due diligence can't be done because at that time, there isn't any certainty of what the building will need to meet the company's specific needs. With personal property, the property has to be bought and then there are the receipts from the vendors showing what was purchased and for how much.

Ms. Mitchell thanked Mr. Lohmeier for the extended explanation and understands, but from the way the ordinance and Policy are written, she isn't sure if the waiver is justifiable.

Mr. Knight agrees with Ms. Mitchell and Mayor McDaniel. He will vote in favor of this request, but wants the Policy reviewed and amended as necessary.

Mayor McDaniel understands Mr. Lohmeier's explanation and Mr. Knight's position, but the residents that make up the Boards and Commissions have policies and periodically review the respective policies that have provisions that they feel

necessary. He believes this Policy should be reviewed again and possibly bring the Policy in line with State requirements, but doesn't want to dismiss the Policy terms that are currently in place.

Mr. Tanghe noted in a fast moving economy, time is money, and most business owners are doing their due diligence in working with the State and local officials and going through the processes. The next two agenda items also are seeking the same request for the six month lookback.

Mr. Tanghe noted the recommendation from TIRC is to approve the six month look back; he doesn't believe there is any disrespect to the Committee from City Council moving forward with the recommendation, though it conflicts with the Policy. He also noted this will be a topic for a January City Council workshop.

Ms. Mitchell stated this topic was requested for an earlier workshop, as to avoid these requests. But, as of today the Policy states an application is to be filed prior to any construction or purchasing any equipment.

Mr. Lohmeier confirmed for Mr. Burmeister that yes, the TIRC had asked for this portion of the Policy to be reviewed and revised. There were a number of items that had been discussed at the TIRC meetings in May and June about best practices and this was one of those items.

Mayor McDaniel asked if there will be any detrimental effects to Orhan, if this decision is postponed until the next City Council meeting.

Company representatives introduced themselves: **Ken Sieloff**, North American Sales Manager, Orhan Automotive, also known as Nobel Automotive and **Khalif Alyameni**, IT Operations Manager, Nobel Automotive, representing Orhan North America.

Mayor McDaniel opened the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

Mayor McDaniel asked if a postponement of a decision will hinder this process. He would like the ability to review the information regarding why the language was not changed in the Policy and hold off on making a decision until the next City Council meeting.

Mr. Lohmeier stated waiting until the next City Council meeting should not have any negative impact on these requests.

Mr. Knight suggested moving these three along and have the Council study the issue, because it will take at least two months for the Policy to be amended.

Mayor McDaniel asked if the information can be gathered for a Council workshop before the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Mr. Tanghe stated information regarding the State guidelines can be provided.

Mayor McDaniel closed the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To postpone action on the request for an 8-year IFEC pertaining to new real property and personal property for Orhan North America with a real property and personal property investment of \$1,247,074 until October 12, 2015.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 15.09.182

Motion Carried (5–0)

9b. Public Hearing/Motion – Request for IFEC for RECARO Child Safety LLC for New Real and Personal Property

Mr. Lohmeier explained this petitioner RECARO Child Safety, LLC is requesting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for new real property and personal property, located at 1681 Harmon Road. The parcel is zoned I-1, Light Industrial and consists of 9.690 acres.

The request was submitted on September 4, 2015 and the applicant is requesting a waiver of the City's policy and provide for a six month lookback. The real property improvement investment is \$6,775,000 and the personal property investment is \$291,000, for a total investment of \$7,066,000. Because this is new construction, there are zero jobs being maintained, but 130 new jobs created.

The applicant is leasing the property, signing a 10 year lease which meets state requirements and is seeking an eight year abatement, agreeing to stay the additional two years, beyond the expiration of the eight year abatement. If this abatement is granted for the eight years, the City maximum, the potential real property tax savings for the applicant will be approximately \$590,000; a tax savings of approximately \$60,000 in the first tax year, then an average of \$74,000 per year thereafter. Additional tax revenue for the City will be approximately \$140,000 total. The City will receive an increase in revenue of approximately \$10,000 in the first tax year and on an average of \$17,000 per year thereafter.

To the best of staff's knowledge, there are no delinquent taxes owed, pending appeals or other abatements by the applicant within Auburn Hills. The TIRC members voted unanimously to recommend approval to City Council. The certificate would begin December 31, 2015 and expire December 30, 2023.

Mr. Lohmeier confirmed for Mr. Knight, a six month lookback is also being sought for this petitioner.

John Riedl, RECARO President, explained the company has been searching for a location for the past three years. He has worked with the City and the City advised him how the process would work, including the lookback. He finds it disingenuous if the company is denied the lookback.

Mayor McDaniel assured Mr. Riedl the Council isn't looking to deny anything; Council is looking to amend the Policy.

Mr. Riedl explained he may not be able to attend the next meeting. The company settled on Auburn Hills after looking at locations in Ft. Worth, Texas and Cincinnati, Ohio. They have added many full time employees from this area.

Mayor McDaniel stated on behalf of him and City Council, they are all very pleased that RECARO has chosen Auburn Hills over the other communities. He doesn't want Council's actions misinterpreted this evening; there is no intent to deny the six month lookback or tax abatement. What needs to be done, is to review the Policy so there won't be a need for a waiver from City Council.

Mr. Riedl explained he started in 2012 with RECARO Child Safety. At that time there were 11 factory employees, 12 salary employees, with most of the production coming from China; a \$4 million company. Today, they exceed \$20 million, with 35 to 40 full time employees. Their products are sold at Babies R Us, Bye Bye Baby, and Target come December. The company is a high end performance brand of child seats and strollers. The growth plan is to settle into a facility where they can maintain the momentum and develop new products and market their brand. Over the last three years, several products have been brought back to the U.S. from China.

Mayor McDaniel opened the public hearing at 8:07 p.m. Hearing no comment, the public hearing was closed at 8:08 p.m.

Ms. Verbeke thanked Mr. Riedl and Mr. Peters for coming to this evening's meeting and providing good information about the company.

Ms. Mitchell thanked RECARO for locating in Auburn Hills and stated this Policy issue has nothing to do with not wanting RECARO in Auburn Hills, it is an issue that needs to be addressed. She apologized for any misunderstanding with the City.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To postpone until October 12, 2015 the request for an 8-year IFEC pertaining to new real property and personal property for RECARO Child Safety, LLC with a real property and personal property investment of \$7,066,000 by adopting the attached resolution.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 15.09.183

Motion Carried (5–0)

9c. Public Hearing/Motion - Request for IFEC for Grupo Antolin North America for New Real and Personal Property

Mr. Lohmeier explained an application has been filed by Grupo Antolin North America, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for new real property and personal property, located at 1700 Atlantic Road. This is an addition to the applicant's existing 111,798 square foot, leased facility, built in 1992. The parcel is approximately 10.57 acres, located in an I-1, Light Industrial zoning district. The property is located within the DeMattia Development Company Industrial Development District.

This applicant submitted their application September 11, 2015 and is requesting a six month lookback. The real property improvement investment is \$1,985,602 and the personal property investment is \$707,610; a total investment of \$2,693,212. The real property consists of expanding its current office space. The personal property consists of related furniture and trade fixtures for the new spaced added.

This project will result in retaining 175 jobs and creating 75 new jobs. The property is being leased by the applicant for at least 10 years and qualifies for the maximum eight year abatement. If the abatement is granted, the real property tax savings will be approximately \$172,800, a tax savings of approximately \$21,600 on average each year. Additional tax revenue for the City will be approximately \$41,900 total, approximately \$5,237 per year.

To the best of staff's knowledge there are no delinquent taxes, other abatements, or pending appeals. The TIRC members voted unanimously to recommend approval to City Council.

Brandon Podolski, Plante Moran Partner, explained Plante Moran works with Grupo Antolin on a national level helping them set up facilities across the country.

Roberto Monteros, Grupo Antolin CFO of the North America, explained Grupo Antolin is an automotive company based in Spain, who makes interior systems. The company has been located in Auburn Hills for the past 10 years and plans to remain in the City for at least another 10 years.

Mayor McDaniel thanked Grupo Antolin for choosing Auburn Hills and to remain in the City.

Mr. Monteros stated Grupo Antolin recently acquired Magna International, a competitor. Most of the interior systems was acquired, which has doubled the size of Grupo Antolin. The production now includes instrument panels, center consoles, and electronics. Most of the incremental work that will be done in Auburn Hills is the high end, technological positions, such as engineers and designers. Auburn Hills will be considered the corporate offices/technical center for North America.

Mr. Monteros asked for the six month lookback, explaining when acquiring another company there are many legal issues that must be taken care of.

Mayor McDaniel opened the public hearing at 8:19 p.m. and hearing no comments closed the public hearing at 8:19 p.m.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To postpone action until October 12, 2015, the request for an 8-year IFEC pertaining to new real property and personal property for Grupo Antolin North America, Inc. with a real property and personal property investment of \$2,693,212 by adopting the attached resolution.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 15.09.184

Motion Carried (5–0)

9d. Motion – Approve Amended 2015 Budget

Ms. Schulz explained throughout the year, staff has received Council approval for projects and purchases that may have differed from the original 2015 budget; those items are now reflected in the 2015 figures. In addition to the changes previously approved by City Council, some of the items in the original budget have been postponed or canceled. Those changes are also included in the amended budget. Some of the budgeted items were approved at full cost, but have subsequently been supported with MDOT funds. Each department also analyzed year to date activity to provide new, more accurate current year projections.

As discussed at previous workshops, the City's overall budget was originally planned for \$8.1 million net appropriated expenses; the estimated revised is plan is \$6.6 million. The decrease is due to decreased expenditures of the Water/Sewer, Fleet, and TIFA funds. Those decreases exceed the planned expenditures of the General Fund.

Responding to Mr. Knight, Ms. Schulz explained if any of the funds change, exceeding what this proposed amended budget indicates, there will be another budget amendment.

Mr. Knight asked what the net change is.

Ms. Schulz explained the net change is due to a combination of improvements in some of the funds and an overall decrease of the General Fund.

Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To to approve the 2015 Amended Budget.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 15.09.185

Motion Carried (5–0)

9e. Public Hearing/Motion – Adopt 2016 Budget

Mayor McDaniel noted as previously discussed, no action will be taken on this item, however, the public hearing will be opened, and remain open until the next City Council meeting, October 12, 2015.

Ms. Schulz briefly reviewed the budget process, noting workshops began in May. Staff continues their focus on maintaining the City's vibrant landscape, adding new residential and business populations where it can and continue the services the community relies on.

The 2016 proposed budget is more favorable than the amended 2015 budget, but still relies on reserves, including \$2.6 million of the General Fund. The conservative reduction of fund balance is obtainable only by postponing inevitable road repairs and other needs by primarily focusing on only primary and pressing needs. With future reductions in tax base, limited space for further growth, and inflationary increases, with or without recovered funds from the State, it is clear additional revenue sources become management's focus in 2016 in order to support the services and infrastructures at the levels everyone currently enjoys.

Ms. Verbeke asked about the staffing numbers, noting a number of departments have decreased staff and was curious if any departments have an increase in employees.

Mr. Tanghe stated when he began working at the City in 2001, full time employees totaled 187, including seven Council Members; for 2016 the number of employees proposed is 161 or 168 including City Council.

Mayor McDaniel stated in his years of being on Council, this has been the most informative, well presented budget process he has been involved with. All departments have put a lot of work into this process and has been very transparent. He appreciates all the hard work from all of staff.

Ms. Schulz stated there was an increase of a half a person, between Local and Major Streets and Roads.

Mayor McDaniel opened the public hearing at 8:33 p.m. *The public hearing will remain open until the October 12, 2015 City Council meeting.*

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To postpone until October 12, 2015, the Public Hearing and the proposed 2016 Budget and millage rates for the City and Library for the 2015 tax year.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 15.09.186

Motion Carried (5–0)

9f. Motion – Approve Sign/Alfoccino’s

Mr. Keenan explained to this is a request to construct an automatic changeable copy sign at Alfoccino Restaurant, 2225 North Opdyke Road. The proposed automatic changeable copy sign will be in the same location as the existing pole sign. The new eight foot high monument style sign will have a 2’x8’ illuminated cabinet with Alfoccino’s name and the lower portion of the sign will have a framed 3’x5’ color LED message board. The base and outer borders of the sign will be constructed of brick, matching the exterior of the building. The sign is designed to meet the City’s regulations and the owners have agreed to post emergencies, such as Amber Alerts on the message board as requested by the Police Department. The total investment for this project is estimated at \$14,000.

Mr. Knight asked if there is any ordinance that dictates what a sign can advertise. He feels the City should have some control.

Mr. Beckerleg stated the City cannot regulate the content of a sign.

Sunny Palaj, partner of Alfoccino’s, has been in Auburn Hills for nearly 14 years and is looking to do some updates, starting with the sign. The sign will advertise the gourmet Italian food available.

Ms. Verbeke asked Mr. Palaj if his intent for the sign messages is to be related to Alfoccino’s restaurant only.

Mr. Palaj confirmed that is correct.

Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the Special Land Use Permit for Alfoccino Restaurant’s Automatic Changeable Copy Sign subject to staff conditions.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 15.09.187

Motion Carried (5–0)

10. COMMENTS & MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Knight:

- The Oakland University football game was a great activity and Dr. Hynd stated he was so impressed, that renting a bus for next year may be needed to transport fans.
- Noted striping downtown has been done, but the turning lines on southbound Squirrel Road to eastbound Auburn Road need to be repainted as they are fading. Left turn lane indicators need painting at Oakmont and Cherryland, prior to the intersection.

Ms. Verbeke:

- The football game was a great event, and maybe sponsors can be found to purchase more bleachers; more seating is necessary.
- She believes it is an MDOT issue, but the exit ramp at I-75 to southbound Joslyn Road needs striping indicating there are two turning lanes.

Mr. Burmeister:

- In honor of breast cancer awareness, he challenges City Council, for the month of October to wear something pink to the City Council meetings.

Ms. Mitchell:

- Reminded everyone there is a health fair, with flu vaccines available, at the Community Center on October 3, 2015.
- Hawk Woods 18th Annual Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- The Avondale High School Youth Theatre will be presenting a mystery dinner, ‘Marriage, Murder and the Mob’ at the Community Center, October 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. RSVP by October 10, 2015; details are on the City’s website.
- Congratulated the Beautification Advisory Commission and Community Development’s Elizabeth Brennan, on the beautiful awards banquet that was held.
- The League of Women Voters is holding a candidate forum, October 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.
- Asked how the comparative summary for the water and sewer rates was coming along, that was requested by Council at an earlier workshop. A follow up isn’t immediately necessary; the information can be forwarded.

Mayor McDaniel:

- The OU football game was great; there was a great amount of effort put into the event and he thanked Mr. Tanghe and staff for all that was done. He received many compliments from the OU alumni.
- The Beautification Advisory Commission banquet was a great success; about 110 residents received awards.
- Had the privilege of attending OU, when City Manager Tanghe was honored, receiving the Oakland University Alumni Community Service Award. He thanked Mr. Tanghe for all his time and great work he does for the City.

11. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT - none

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Today was the groundbreaking of Legoland at Great Lakes Crossing Outlets. This will be the first Legoland store in Michigan, as is Sea Life Aquarium, both owned by Merlin Entertainments. The groundbreaking included second graders from Grant Graham Elementary School. The store will be open in the spring.
- Is the Honorary Chairman for The Taste of Auburn Hills event, October 8, 2015 at the Walter P. Chrysler Museum. The event is sponsored by Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce, and runs from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00p.m.

Regarding the upcoming November election, Ms. Kowal stated anyone wishing to receive an absentee ballot can contact the Clerk's Office. There has been a large number of absentee applications received; ballots will be mailed October 1, 2015.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Terri Kowal, City Clerk