



The City of Auburn Hills

City Council Meeting

Minutes

January 9, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McDaniel at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Present: Mayor McDaniel, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, Mitchell and Verbeke
Absent: None
Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, Police Chief Olko, City Clerk Kowal, Finance Director/Treasurer Schulz, Director of Public Works Melchert, Public Utilities Manager Michling, Business Development Manager Carroll, Management Assistant Harris, Engineer Juidici, Oakland County Water Commission Representative Cox
3 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. Regular City Council – December 12, 2016

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To approve the December 12, 2016 City Council meeting minutes as amended.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.01.001

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

4b. Workshop Minutes – December 12, 2016

Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To approve the December 12, 2016 City Council meeting workshop minutes as amended.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.01.002

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Motion - Appointment of Floyd Warczak to the Board of Review

Mayor McDaniel noted that Council received a copy of Mr. Warczak's application. Mr. Warczak was not in attendance at the meeting.

Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Floyd Warczak to the Board of Review for a term ending December 31, 2020.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.01.003

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

7. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed are considered to be routine by the City council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

- 7a1. Minutes of Tax Increment Finance Authority – December 13, 2016
- 7a2. Minutes of Downtown Development Authority – December 19, 2016
- 7a3. Minutes of Board of Review – December 13, 2016

7b. Motion - Amend 2017 Approved List of Authorized Broker/Dealers

RESOLVED: To adopt the attached amended resolution approving the list of authorized broker/dealers used by the Investment Manager on behalf of the City of Auburn Hills. (Attachment A)

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda items 7a1, 7a2, 7a3, and 7b.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.01.004

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. OLD BUSINESS

8a. Motion – Approve the Agreement for the Construction and Finance of Improvements and Creation of Special Assessment on Property for Deepwood Drive Road Project

Mr. Melchert explained the agreement to create the special assessment district (SAD) for the Deepwood Drive Road Project. He explained that 50% of the road construction will be paid for by the City and 50% will be paid for by the three property owners that front Deepwood Drive. He noted that all three property owners have expressed support of the project and have signed the agreement. Once the agreement is executed by the City, this will complete the SAD procedure as identified in the ordinance.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve the Agreement for the Construction and Finance of Improvements and Creation of Special Assessment on Property for the Deepwood Drive road project.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.01.005

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8b. Motion – Approve the Creation of New Chapter 20 Drain Drainage District for improvements to the Pontiac Diversion Sewer Treatment Plant

Mr. Michling explained that the recommendation is to create a new Chapter 20 drainage district which will fund improvements to the Pontiac Wastewater Treatment Facility. The proposed drainage district will include all the Clinton Oakland Sewage Disposal System Communities and the City of Pontiac.

Carrie Cox, representing the Oakland County Water Commissioner's Office, explained that four years ago the City of Auburn Hills was exceeding its contract capacity with the Oakland County Water Resource Commissioners Office and in turn receiving quarterly penalties. The City performed a Sanitary Sewer Master Plan that came up with several alternatives to remedy it. The cheapest alternative was to participate in the County's regional project. The County chose to do a diversion from the Clinton Oakland system to the City of Pontiac's waste water treatment plant in order to resolve a downstream bottleneck. This allowed the City of Auburn Hills to increase its contact capacity from 9.2 cfs to over 26 cfs. As part of the diversion, the County knew that in the future, there may potentially be a biosolids problem at the Pontiac waste water treatment plant as it was not designed to take that much average daily flow. Due to issues at the Pontiac plant, that project has been moved up and needs to be bonded. The current project is estimated to cost \$38 million.

Mr. Knight questioned if the County would then own the facility. Ms. Cox explained that the facility is owned by the drainage district, which is the thirteen Clinton Oakland Communities and the City of Pontiac.

In response to a question by Mr. Kittle, Ms. Cox explained that the Clinton-Oakland is a customer of OMID drainage district

Ms. Cox explained for Mr. Knight that, in regards to OMID and the Perry Street Diversion, it was decided by the thirteen Clinton Oakland communities that the rate charged would be the same rate to all thirteen communities.

Ms. Mitchell questioned when improvements of this nature are recommended for the wastewater treatment facility, what is the process used to determine that the improvements are required. Ms. Cox explained the process used. She noted that the County purchased the debt from the City of Pontiac, performed an asset management plan and looked at the potential. She noted that the County did understand that the biosolids was an area that needed improvement. She noted that a master planning process was also done to look at potential growth and green energy reuse for the plant. She explained the reduction in trucking as that the new waste will be fertilizer which will be offered to drainage district members for free from the Pontiac Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the petition for the creation of a new Chapter 20 Drain Drainage District to fund improvements to the Pontiac Wastewater Treatment Facility for the Clinton-Oakland Sewage Disposal System. (Attachment B)

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.01.006

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8c. Motion – Approve the Newly Designed City Logo

Mr. Tanghe explained that the item of branding and generating a new logo for the City came out of a workshop discussion. Ms. Carroll explained that the committee met over several months and determined that the proposed logo best represents the City of Auburn Hills.

Mr. Kittle questioned if the words “Auburn Hills” will always be under the symbol. Ms. Carroll explained that if the logo is printed small the words “Auburn Hills” will not be used. Mr. Kittle stated that he is in favor of the new logo.

Ms. Verbeke expressed support of the logo. She questioned the plan for the replacement of signs and purchase of new signs. Mr. Tanghe explained that the new logo would be used on the basis of replacement needs such as stationary and business cards. He noted that signs would be transitioned out and as new vehicles are purchased, the new logo would be used. At some point the City may want to make a concerted effort, maybe for the 2018 budget.

In response to a question from Mr. Knight, Mr. Tanghe explained that the tagline was designed to be interchangeable. For example, the City needs to order new banners with Oakland University for University Drive. The tagline would be used “Connecting you to...Education”. The tagline could be tweaked to fit the need throughout the City such as “Shopping” or “Downtown”.

Mr. McDaniel stated that it would be beneficial to have discussion around the tagline. He noted that he could see the Historical Society or the DDA use the tagline such as “Connecting you to...Business” or “Connecting you to...the Past”. Mr. Tanghe pointed out that the standard would be “Connecting you to...Now” and would be customized based on other uses.

Mr. Knight expressed concern with leaving so many of the old logo and suddenly changing it. He suggested using both the old and new logo on letterhead.

Mr. Burmeister expressed support of the new logo and questioned if anyone could use it. Mr. Tanghe noted that the City does not have a copyright on the logo today.

Mr. McDaniel thanked the volunteers on the committee who helped to design the new logo. He commented that he is happy with what was brought forward and is confident that this is the right move for the City. It goes well with the mix when you look at where social media is going and web development. Overall the visibility around the logo will be better.

Ms. Carroll explained that the committee discussed how to memorialize the current logo. When you get a new logo, you do not erase your past, you honor it. John Young has indicated his willingness to come back and guide us through that process.

Mr. Tanghe noted that, if the logo were adopted, the City has new entry signs budgeted.

Ms. Hammon noted that the City is thirty years old. She questioned how many times it needs to be rebranded. She stated that for her this is just a “no go”.

Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To adopt the attached logo, in the colors of charcoal and auburn, as the City’s official logo, effective immediately. (Attachment C)

Ms. Mitchell thanked everyone that took time to work on the logo. She stated that she was not in favor of the logo change at this time. The City has come off of a year where it did some brave things because of finances such as special assessment districts, transitioning employees from the City to the County, asked residents to adjust the fire millage for taxes, and looking to continue this activity into the 2017 calendar year and talking about things such as charging for community events and eliminating community events. For her, the optics of making a change of this nature, in this type of climate, do not align with her priorities and because of that she is unable to support it. She noted that the current logo is not the best thing on earth, but she cannot make an argument that it is hindering the City from a prosperity standpoint, from the standpoint of attracting businesses to our community and from the standpoint of attracting residents.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: Hammond, Knight, Mitchell

Resolution No. 17.01.007

Motion Carried (4 - 3)

Ms. Verbeke questioned how administratively the controls would be put in place as far as who is authorized to change the tagline. Mr. McDaniel suggested adopting the standard “Connecting you to...Now”, then as appropriate allow staff to make adjustments.

Ms. Verbeke supports the use of “Business”, “Technology”, “Education”, “Future”, “History”, and these other items, but questioned what other options could be used and should it be limited to just those items. Mr. McDaniel stated that if there is something controversial, staff will bring that to Council.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To adopt the tagline for the City of Auburn Hills “Connecting you to...Now” or appropriate verbiage.

Ms. Mitchell stated that she likes the idea of a tagline. She questioned the meaning of “Connecting to...Now” and what is the City trying to convey. Ms. Carroll explained that it came from the ideas surrounding what is Auburn Hills, where it is going. The word “Now” was in the forefront in that we are leaders in the business community. The Committee discussed leadership, excellence, being proactive, and

the word that captured all of that is “now”. Mr. Kittle expressed his interpretation that it means “today”, “current”, “21st Century”, “We are in touch with today.”

Mr. McDaniel noted the Committee gave some consideration to honoring the past, building the future, looking ahead, and what is going on right now. We are at the forefront and leaders in taking charge of change. Auburn Hills looks at doing things in a better way and we are always looking at that right now.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.01.008

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Knight

- Referred to a reference he read about having the library and community center downtown. He stated that it is a good idea when you are building a downtown, but in Auburn Hills it might not be very smart since the current locations are in the middle of the City. To move those downtown, would isolate 2/3 of the City.

Mr. Kittle

- Wished everyone Happy New Year
- On the Board of Review report, he came up with a revenue hit of about \$95,000 from the adjustments made for the taxable values of those impoverished. He request that information be confirmed. He questioned if it applies to the tax collection in 2017 or 2018. Mr. Tanghe will confirm with the Assessor.

Mr. Burmeister

- The calendar looks great and he likes the scenery throughout the City.
- Around Christmas time, the Christmas tree lights and some of the downtown tree lights were out around 7:00/8:00 PM. Mr. Melchert commented that weather may have been a factor as rain has historically causes a lot of disruptions, however he will have to check into it.

Ms. Verbeke

- The calendar looks great
- Thanked Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Tanghe for the Library information and the follow up on it. She looks forward to continuing to hear more about it.
- She looks forward to seeing everyone at the State of the City address at 8:30 next Thursday.

Mr. McDaniel

- Wished everyone Happy New Year and looking forward to a great and prosperous Auburn Hills 2017 under the leadership of Mr. Tanghe and the staff.
- Thanked everyone on the much anticipated and much weighted fire department staffing workshop discussion. One of the things Council has done very well over the years is to stay to the task in terms of tackling these topics one at a time and really digging deep and bringing staff forward to give us some great presentations and recommendations.

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Tanghe

- The City is holding a Martin Luther King Day celebration next Monday at 8:00 AM with a service project. We are collecting a number of items that will be donated to Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac. If you are interested in participating or contributing items information is available on the City website.
- Tonight is Management Assistant Sam Harris's last Council meeting. We wish him well and thank him for his service to the community. He did a great job for us. Mr. McDaniel congratulated Mr.

Harris on his new career. He noted that Mr. Harris has been a great asset to this community and has done an outstanding job on behalf of the residents.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Terri Kowal, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LIST OF AUTHORIZED BROKERS / DEALERS FOR THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

WHEREAS, Section 7.0 of the City of Auburn Hills Investment Policy states that “The City Treasurer shall maintain a listing of financial institutions and broker/dealers authorized to provide investment services,” approved annually by City Council for investment and depository purposes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Auburn Hills City Council approve the following brokers/dealers as legal pass-thru agents for all public monies effective to December 31st, 2017

Bank of Montreal
Barclays Capital
BNP Paribas Securities
Cantor Fitzgerald
Citigroup Global Markets
Credit Agricole
Credit Suisse
Daiwa Capital Markets
Deutsche Bank
FTN Financial
Goldman Sachs
HSBC
INTL FCStone Financial
J.P. Morgan Securities
Jefferies
Keybanc Capital Markets
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Mizuho Securities
Morgan Stanley
Nomura Securities International
Oppenheimer & Co.
Piper Jaffray
Raymond James & Associates
RBC Capital Markets
RBS Securities
Robert W. Baird
Stifel Nicolaus
SunTrust Robinson Humphrey
TD Securities
U.S. Bancorp Investments
UBS Securities
Wells Fargo Securities

Amended 1/9/2017 for the following additions:

Mitsubishi Financial Group
National Australia Bank
Blaylock Beal Van

ATTACHMENT B

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS, as follows:

1. That the City make and cause to be filed a petition in form substantially as follows:

PETITION

TO THE DRAINAGE BOARD FOR THE
HEREINAFTER MENTIONED OAKLAND
COUNTY, MICHIGAN DRAIN PROJECT

The undersigned public corporation hereby petitions for the location, establishment and construction of an intra-county drain project consisting of facilities to extend and improve the existing City of Pontiac Wastewater Treatment Facility, an intra-county drain located in the City of Pontiac and established pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 20 of Act 40, Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended (“Chapter 20”), for the treatment of sanitary sewage. The drain project shall consist of biosolids handling and septage receiving facilities located at the site of the Auburn Wastewater Treatment Plant in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, including but not limited to the construction of a new thermal hydrolysis pretreatment system, sludge dewatering system improvements, expansion and improvement of the existing dewatered biosolid storage facility, construction of a new septage receiving facility, and related improvements.

The drain project is necessary for the public health, will serve property located within the limits of the City of Auburn Hills, the Charter Township of Independence, the City of Lake Angelus, the Village of Lake Orion, the Charter Township of Oakland, the Charter Township of Orion, the Charter Township of Oxford, the Village of Oxford, the City of Pontiac, the City of Rochester, the City of Rochester Hills, the Charter Township of Waterford and the Charter Township of West Bloomfield, and will receive, treat and discharge sanitary sewage originating in the County of Oakland only.

This petition is filed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 20.

It is understood and agreed that the entire cost of the drain is to be assessed against the petitioner and other public corporations that benefit from the drain project and contribute to the conditions that make the drain project necessary.

A certified copy of the resolution of the governing body of the public corporation executing this petition authorizing its execution is attached hereto.

BY:

Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager

BY:

Terri Kowal, City Clerk

2. That the Mayor and the City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the petition for and on behalf of the City and to file the same with the Water Resources Commissioner of the County of Oakland.

3. That the City consents to the location of the drain project within the limits of the public corporations as listed in the petition and to the assessment of part of the cost of the drain project against the City as shall be determined by the drainage board for the drain project in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 20 of Act 40, Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on January 9, 2017, the original of which is on file in my office. I certify further that notice of the meeting was given in accordance with the open meetings act.

Terri Kowal, City Clerk
City of Auburn Hills

ATTACHMENT C

