



The City of Auburn Hills

City Council Meeting

Minutes

January 23, 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, Kittle, Knight, Mitchell and Verbeke
Absent: Hammond
Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Police Chief Olko, City Clerk Kowal, Business Development Manager Carroll, City Assessor Griffin, Director of Public Works Melchert, Senior Director Adcock, Director of Authorities Mariuz.
8 Guests

Mayor McDaniel noted that New Business Items 9b and 9c will be removed from this agenda and rescheduled for the next meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. Regular City Council – January 9, 2017

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the January 9, 2017 City Council meeting minutes.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.01.009

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

4b. Workshop Minutes – January 9, 2017

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the January 9, 2017 City Council workshop meeting minutes.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.01.010

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Presentation - Oakland University Senior Services PT Partnership

Karen Adcock, Director of Senior Services, presented an update on their partnership with Oakland University and their physical therapy program. She noted that it has been a phenomenal experience. The partnership falls within the arena of the City goals to enhance academic and age friendly community initiatives and the age friendly community for a lifetime initiative of healthy living and educating residents on health services.

Dr. Sara Arena, Assistant Professors in the Physical Therapy Program, explained that the initial project was back in August. Health care demands are critically stressing the communities and there is an urgent need for preventative services. Currently the home care practice model focuses on those already unable to leave their homes, but does not look at a prevention model. The City of Auburn Hills is the first community to have this age friendly community network. She explained the goals of the program and noted that the referrals are coming from the Community Center Senior Services. The program is for individuals 65 and older at risk for decline in community dwelling status and have not had any serious hospitalizations or physical therapy in the last two months. The participants receive six free physical therapy visits, education related to health improvements, and wellness program coaching. The grant received in August allows for participation of up to five individuals.

Dr. Chris Wilson, Assistant Professor in the Physical Therapy Program, explained that an additional grant was received to expand the program to include up to thirty additional residents. Recruiting of participants will begin on February 1st. He explained that the participants will receive a mixture of six home health physical therapy and tele-health phone calls, plus education on health risks and referrals to other medical professionals as needed.

Dr. Wilson explained that some of the intervention topics that the participants receive include a standard set of balance and fall exercises, home safety assessment, health wellness safety, diet and nutrition, any home modifications and the referral back to the senior center for continued wellness and health once they have gotten past that homebound status to reintegrate into the community. The long term benefits to the participants include improved health, more confidence, decreased risk of hospitalization and disease. In addition, they receive a free automated blood pressure cuff and an activity monitor. The long term benefits to the healthcare system includes less long term demand and strain on current health care and advancing the care infrastructure.

Ms. Verbeke clarified that it is thirty additional people in addition to the five identified. If people are interested in participating, they would contact Karen at the Senior Center at 248.370.9353.

Ms. Mitchell echoed the sentiments about not enough focus being placed upon preventative care, nor is there enough focus on academic and municipal partnerships. For that reason, she is in very strong support of this project. If there is anything else they can do as a Council to be supportive, do not hesitate to come forward and ask.

5b. Motion - Appointment of Michael Kneffel to the Tax Increment Finance Authority Board of Directors.

Mayor McDaniel noted that Council has received a copy of Mr. Kneffel's application and resume.

Mr. Kneffel introduced himself and noted that he has lived in Auburn Hills for 25 years and has seen some exciting improvements. He stated that he is excited at the opportunity to help keep up the momentum.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: to confirm the appointment of Michael Kneffel to the Tax Increment Finance Authority Board of Directors for a term ending January 31, 2021.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.01.011

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Endres, 1855 Stratford Street, Sylvan Lake, complimented the City on the hiring of the City Assessor Bill Griffin. He wished the Council a happy new year.

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 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – December 27, 2016

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: to receive and file the minutes of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority of December 27, 2016 (Item 7a1).

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

Resolution No. 17.01.012

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

8. OLD BUSINESS

8a. Motion – Declare tentative Necessity and tentative Intent to proceed with the project and set a Public Hearing for road improvements to Pacific Drive.

Mr. Melchert explained that Items 8a and 8b are related to the proposed special assessment district road projects. He explained that the resolutions were prepared by the City Attorney and include the engineer's cost estimate of the project and a list of property owners that the City intends to share in the cost of the road improvements. The public hearing is designed to allow property owners to share comments and declare opposition to the special assessment district. By doing so, the property owners will then have the opportunity to appear before the Michigan Tax Tribunal and share their protests.

Mr. Kittle requested that at the next meeting, the list of properties include the names of the business impacted.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To approve Resolution No. 2, a resolution declaring tentative necessity and tentative Intent to proceed with project and setting public hearing on February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326, for the purpose of hearing statements and objections to the proposed Special Assessment District No. 4 regarding the repair of and improvements to Pacific Drive. (Attachment A)

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

Resolution No. 17.01.013

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

8b. Motion - Declare tentative Necessity and tentative Intent to proceed with project and Set a Public Hearing for road improvements to North Atlantic Boulevard and Continental Drive.

Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve Resolution No. 2, a resolution declaring tentative necessity and tentative intent to proceed with project and setting public hearing on February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326, for the purpose of hearing statements and objections to the proposed Special Assessment District No. 5 regarding the repair of and improvements to North Atlantic Boulevard and Continental Drive. (Attachment B)

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

Resolution No. 17.01.014

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion - Approve the purchase of Cable Playback and Web Streaming Solution

Ms. Carroll explained that staff has been researching ways to improve the cable playback for the residents, not only through the local cable channel, but also for the website and video on demand options. She explained that the process included an evaluation of the current system used. They wanted a system compatible with what is currently there so the equipment did not have to be replaced. She explained that

two companies submitted bids. She pointed out that Key Code only quoted a three-year lease of their equipment. The Telvue equipment would be equipment owned by the City.

Mr. Knight expressed support and questioned if there was a budget for this. Ms. Carroll explained that through Comcast and AT&T the City receives PEG and franchise fees which will be used to purchase the equipment.

In response to a question from Mr. Burmeister, Ms. Carroll responded that the Telvue would fit into the current system. New configurations would have to be made for the Key Code system; in addition the video on demand and live streaming would require additional equipment to supplement it.

Ms. Mitchell question whether there is there any local support with the Telvue system should the City experiences quality issues. Ms. Carroll confirmed that the Telvue system offers 24/7 support should there be technical difficulties and the City can use the resources of Community Media Network. Ms. Mitchell expressed support of the staff recommendation.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To approve the proposal from Telvue in the amount of \$20,552.70 for playback and web streaming solutions.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.01.015

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

9b. Motion - Approve Revised Resolution of Extension of IFEC 2009-049 for Norma Michigan Inc

This item was postponed to the meeting of February 13, 2017.

9c. Motion - Approve Revised Resolution for Extension of IFEC 2011-466 Real Property for PyeongHwa Automotive USA, LLC.

This item was postponed to the meeting of February 13, 2017.

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Kittle

- Wished his wife a happy birthday

Mr. Knight

- Has had issues with the sound system tonight. It is so loud that he can hardly understand and questioned if the volume is up.
- Commented on the Water Quality Report. It seems like when it is dry weather, there is very high e-coli levels coming into the City. He questioned if there was an explanation on when the readings were taken. Mr. Tanghe stated that staff will follow up with an interpretation of the readings.

Ms. Mitchell

- Impressed by the State of the Community Address last week. The Mayor did a wonderful job representing the Council. She appreciated having it at Oakland University. She would be open to other venues, but that location accommodated us very well.
- Had a great time at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Congratulations to Director Adcock and Program Developer Butler. She liked the diversity of speakers and connecting it to a service project. It was very nicely done.

- Recognized Director Mariuz for her recognition as being one of Oakland County’s Elite 40 Under 40. Our Mayor also had that honor previously. Nice to see our local staff be recognized.

Mayor McDaniel

- Echoed Ms. Mitchell’s comments and congratulated Ms. Mariuz on the recognition and welcomed her to the Elite 40 Under 40.

11. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Tanghe

- Distributed an updated copy of the abatement status. There are 34 active abatements in place in the community. To put it in perspective, the City has over 500 industrial parcels. The other maps attached shows the active abatements, where they are located, industrial parcels, and the greenfield sites readily available for development. If there are any questions, contact Mr. Cohen.
- Congratulated the Oakland University Kresge Library. They are now permanently hosting the Congressman Mike Rogers Congressional Collection.
- Acknowledged the efforts of the Community Center staff on the fine celebration honoring the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The guest speakers did an exceptional job and he felt a great sense of pride leaving the program that day. It was much improved over last year.
- Last week had the privilege of attending the inauguration of the 45th President Donald Trump. This was the second time attending an inauguration with the first being the 2008 inauguration of President Obama.
- Announced that Sam Mariuz received the recognition of the Elite 40 Under 40. He explained that Ms. Mariuz was an intern with the City in the role of Management Assistant and was hired about a year ago following the completion of her internship as the Director of Authorities managing the Tax Increment Finance Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and Downtown Development Authority.
- Displayed the City’s new logo which was unveiled at the State of the City Address. He stated that if you want a closer view of it, visit the City blog at insideauburnhills.com. It is also displayed on the billboards along I-75. Mayor McDaniel thanked the manager for highlighting the process on the blog as it is beneficial for those who had questions around the process and how the City came to this conclusion.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Discussion on the sale of land

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To meet in executive session to discuss the sale of land.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.01.016

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

Recessed to Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.

City Council reconvened in Open Session at 8:31 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Terri Kowal, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

**RESOLUTION DECLARING TENTATIVE NECESSITY AND TENTATIVE INTENT TO
PROCEED WITH PROJECT AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING (RESOLUTION NO. 2)**

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, Michigan 48326, at 7:00 p.m. on the 23rd day of January, 2017, the following resolution was offered by Councilperson Verbeke and supported by Councilperson Mitchell:

WHEREAS, the City is considering the construction of the proposed improvement described below and the establishment of a special assessment district to defray a portion of the cost of such improvement by special assessment against the benefitted properties; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvement (“the project”) is the repair of and improvements to Pacific Drive; and

WHEREAS, plans, specifications and cost estimates have been prepared by the City’s engineers, OHM, and have been submitted to the City and filed with the City Clerk, for construction of the project and the City is tentatively considering the establishment of a special assessment district to finance and defray a portion of the costs of the project and the City Manager has recommended that the City Council proceed with the project; and

WHEREAS, the project is designed and intended to specially benefit all of the properties in the proposed special assessment district by repairing and improving Pacific Drive, thereby allowing said property owners better and safer access and travel on said road, preserving property values and protecting said property owners’ and their invitees’ and customers’ vehicles, among other things.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. The City Council tentatively determines that the project is necessary and that it tentatively intends to proceed with the project and to establish the special assessment district to defray a portion of the costs of the project.
2. The City’s engineers, OHM, who are registered professional engineers, have prepared plans describing the project and a preliminary estimate of the cost of the project in the amount of \$1,529,000 has now been determined, of which \$1,529,000 amount it is estimated that approximately \$764,500 will be defrayed by special assessments against the properties in the special assessment district. Such plans and cost estimates have been filed with the City Clerk and the City Manager recommends proceeding with the project.
3. The City Council tentatively designates all of the properties on the list attached to this Resolution as the special assessment district against which a portion of the costs of the project is to be assessed and which will be identified as Special Assessment District No. 4 (the “district”).

4. The City Clerk shall give notice that the City Council shall conduct a public hearing on February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326, for the purpose of hearing statements and objections to the project and to the tentatively established district. Notice of the public hearing shall be published twice in a newspaper published and/or circulated in the City, with the first publication being at least ten (10) days before the February 13, 2017 hearing and notice shall also be sent by first class mail to each record owner or party in interest in whose name the land in the district is to be assessed as shown on the City's last preceding tax assessment roll for ad valorem tax purposes, with said notices to be mailed at least ten (10) days before the date of the hearing. The notices to be published and mailed by first class mail shall include the following:
 - (a) The date, time and place of the public hearing;
 - (b) A statement that the report, plan and estimate and the City Manager's recommendation is on file with the City Clerk for public examination.
 - (c) A statement that appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the Michigan Tax Tribunal and that an owner and/or party in interest, or their agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest, or they may appear by filing their appearance or protest by letter, which shall then not require their personal appearance provided that said letter is received by the City Clerk prior to and/or at the February 13, 2017 hearing.

AYES: 6
NAYES: None
ABSENT: 1 (Hammond)
ABSTENTIONS: None

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, TERRI KOWAL, the duly qualified and appointed City Clerk of 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 23rd day of January, 2017, the original of which is on file in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 23rd day of January, 2017.

TERRI KOWAL
City Clerk

ATTACHMENT B

RESOLUTION DECLARING TENTATIVE NECESSITY AND TENTATIVE INTENT TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING (RESOLUTION NO. 2)

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WHEREAS, the proposed improvement (“the project”) is the repair of and improvements to **North Atlantic Boulevard and certain portions of Continental Drive**; and

WHEREAS, plans, specifications and cost estimates have been prepared by the City’s engineers, OHM, and have been submitted to the City and filed with the City Clerk, for construction of the project and the City is tentatively considering the establishment of a special assessment district to finance and defray a portion of the costs of the project and the City Manager has recommended that the City Council proceed with the project; and

WHEREAS, the project is designed and intended to specially benefit all of the properties in the proposed special assessment district by repairing and improving North Atlantic Boulevard and certain portions of Continental Drive, thereby allowing said property owners better and safer access and travel on said roads, preserving property values and protecting said property owners’ and their invitees’ and customers’ vehicles, among other things.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. The City Council tentatively determines that the project is necessary and that it tentatively intends to proceed with the project and to establish the special assessment district to defray a portion of the costs of the project.
2. The City’s engineers, OHM, who are registered professional engineers, have prepared plans describing the project and a preliminary estimate of the cost of the project in the amount of \$3,407,000 has now been determined, of which \$3,407,000 amount it is estimated that approximately \$1,703,500 will be defrayed by special assessments against the properties in the special assessment district. Such plans and cost estimates have been filed with the City Clerk and the City Manager recommends proceeding with the project.
3. The City Council tentatively designates all of the properties on the list attached to this Resolution as the special assessment district against which a portion of the costs of the project is to be assessed and which will be identified as Special Assessment District No. 5 (the “district”).

4. The City Clerk shall give notice that the City Council shall conduct a public hearing on February 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326, for the purpose of hearing statements and objections to the project and to the tentatively established district. Notice of the public hearing shall be published twice in a newspaper published and/or circulated in the City, with the first publication being at least ten (10) days before the February 13, 2017 hearing and notice shall also be sent by first class mail to each record owner or party in interest in whose name the land in the district is to be assessed as shown on the City's last preceding tax assessment roll for ad valorem tax purposes, with said notices to be mailed at least ten (10) days before the date of the hearing. The notices to be published and mailed by first class mail shall include the following:
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AYES: 6
NAYES: None
ABSENT: 1 (Hammond)
ABSTENTIONS: None

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COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

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In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 23rd day of January, 2017.

TERRI KOWAL
City Clerk