



The City of Auburn Hills
City Council Meeting
Minutes

July 24, 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, City Attorney Beckerleg, Police Chief Olko, Fire Chief Manning, Assistant Fire Chief Macias, City Clerk Kowal, Director of Community Development Cohen, City Engineer Juidici, Finance Director/Treasurer Schulz, Deputy DPW Director Herczeg, Manager of Fleet and Roads Brisson, Director of Authorities Seimer, and Mgmt. Assistant Thomas.

19 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. Regular City Council Minutes – July 10, 2017

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To approve the July 10, 2017 City Council meeting minutes.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.07.126

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Fire Department Helping Hands' Scholarship Awards

Firefighter Dan Wahl, President of the Auburn Hills Helping Hands Organization, thanked Council for its continued support. Firefighter Wahl presented the Dennis E. Dearing Jr. Scholarship to Rose-Carmel Goddard and the Arthur Peterson Scholarship to Genna Castillo.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – June 20, 2017

7a2. Beautification Advisory Commission – June 21, 2017

7a3. Tax Increment Finance Authority – July 11, 2017

7a4. Planning Commission – July 12, 2017

7b. Motion – To Receive and Place on File / Amendment to the Master Land Use Plan / 1500 and 1700 Brown Road

RESOLVED: To receive and place on file the amendment to the Master Land Use Plan for 1500 and 1700 Brown Road, which was adopted by the Planning Commission on July 12, 2017.

7c. Motion – To Award Asphalt Maintenance – Cross Creek / High Meadow

RESOLVED: To approve the 2017 Asphalt Maintenance Program and award the project to Highway Maintenance and Construction Co., 12101 Wahrman, Romulus, MI 48174 in the amount of \$191,548.00. Further to approve the OHM Scope of Construction Services for the not-to-exceed amount of \$ 15,500.00. Funding is provided from the Major Roads Operating Budget, account 202-452-935.000.

Moved by Kittle, Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.07.127

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. OLD BUSINESS

8a. Motion – To Approve the Bid for Site Cleanup/Pavement Removal at 3505 and 3507 Auburn Road

Mr. Herczeg explained that staff believes the pavement removal will facilitate the development of the Superior Concrete and Mound Steel sites. He noted that funding was requested from the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to complete the project. He pointed out that the contractor would like to exercise the *crush on site* option with City Council's approval.

In response to a question from Mr. Knight, Mr. Herczeg confirmed that all of the concrete would be removed from the site except for the property owned by the other entity on Auburn Road. Mr. Herczeg explained that OHM will survey the site prior to demolition.

Mr. Herczeg explained for Ms. Hammond that the request is for them to crush on-site. He confirmed that they are aware of the City hours so as to not disturb too many neighbors.

Ms. Verbeke questioned in what ways the City would benefit from doing the crushing on site. The contractor explained that the benefits of crushing on site include reducing the truck traffic and the change in traffic pattern.

In response to a question by Mr. Burmeister, the contractor explained that the on-site crushing unit is mobile and quieter.

Mr. Knight questioned how dust control is handled. The contractor explained that there is a fire hydrant on the site and water is hooked up to the actual crusher making it virtually a dust free process.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To approve the site cleanup and pavement removal contract at 3505 and 3507 Auburn Road to The Adams Group, 5281 Auburn Road, Shelby Twp., MI 48317, in the amount of \$120,167.00 to be funded by the Auburn Hills Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.07.128

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To Approve a One-Year Extension of the Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit / Dr. Koehler Office Building

Mr. Cohen explained the request for a one-year site plan extension. The project was originally approved in August, 2014 and Council approved extensions in 2015 and 2016. The applicant intends to build the office building, but has not started the project due to the construction costs which are higher than anticipated. Staff has no objection to the extension request provided that this is the final extension granted.

Ms. Mitchell questioned if there was an actual limit to the number of extensions for a project. Mr. Cohen confirmed that there is no limit, however the longest site plan approval granted is three-years. He stated that if the applicant is unable to build the building over the course of next year, he would have to go through the process again.

Dr. Koehler, applicant, commented that right now it is peak real estate and there is no way the economics would ever recoup it the cost.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve a one-year extension of the Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit for Dr. Koehler’s Office Building. The approval shall expire on August 11, 2018. The applicant is advised that this extension will be the final extension granted by the City Council.

Ms. Mitchell stated that she understands the logic for not wanting to build at this time. Her only concern with this motion is when looking at the projections over the next year, she does not see construction costs decreasing. She stated that she does not think this will be helpful. To grant extension after extension, the costs will be increasing over the next twelve months and for that point, she is challenged to support this motion.

In response to a question from Mayor McDaniel, Mr. Cohen clarified that the purpose of the motion is to make it clear to everyone that this will be the final extension. It is not uncommon for a site plan to expire. The applicant would go through the process again.

Ms. Hammond stated that she agrees with Ms. Mitchell and does not see this happening. She stated that she cannot support another extension.

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

Resolution No. 17.07.129

Motion Carried (5 - 2)

9b. Motion – To Approve a Special Land Use Permit, Site Plan, and Tree Removal Permit / 1220 Pacific Drive Speculative Building

Mr. Cohen explained the request to construct a 98,000 square foot speculative research and development building. It is located on the south side of Pacific, east of Joslyn and is zoned T&R. The building is anticipated to have about 60,000 square feet of office space and 38,000 square feet of warehouse. The Special Land Use Permit was requested to allow for a potential light industrial user to move into the building. The total investment to build the shell is \$3.85 million. Construction is anticipated to begin next month and be complete in March, 2018.

Jared Roth, owner of JAR Development Company and Pacific Holdings and developer of the site, explained that he has had a long history of doing speculative developments in the City. He stated that he has designed a lot of flexibility into the building so he could have a numerous variety of tenants to make the possibility of it being successful as high as possible.

Ms. Verbeke commented that there was discussion about parking at the Planning Commission meeting. Staff looked into it further after the meeting and indicated that there was sufficient parking. Mr. Roth stated that as a developer, he made sure that on this facility there would be enough parking to support the buildings. He noted that he owns an adjacent site that could be utilized for parking if it ever needed for additional parking in the future.

In response to a question from Mr. Kittle, Mr. Roth explained that with the growth, the need, and the flexibility of the building, he is confident that he will be able to lease the facility.

Moved by Mitchell, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the Special Land Use Permit, Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit for 1220 Pacific Drive Speculative Building subject to the conditions of the administrative review team.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.07.130

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9c. PART ONE – Motion – To Approve the Revised PUD Step One – Concept Plan / Dutton Corporate Centre PUD

PART TWO – Motion – To Approve the PUD Step Two - Site Plan / Dutton Corporate Centre PUD - Candlewood Suites Hotel

Mr. Cohen explained that this is a two part PUD change. The first part deals with allowing the height of the hotel and the second part is approving the hotel. He explained that the Kia building is moving toward completion at the end of August and if the hotel is built, it would leave two sites in the commercial portion to be completed. The developer has requested permission for a fifty-foot tall hotel and has asked for permission to not install the “Welcome to Auburn Hills” sign at the southeast corner of Dutton and Lapeer. That sign has a lot of utility conflicts and is on the wrong side of the road for visibility. He noted that the pathway must be done prior to the hotel opening. He explained that the hotel is below grade, and is in scale with the strip center next to it. He noted that construction is anticipated to be complete by winter, 2018.

Mr. Kittle commented that this is a great addition to the City and will complete that strip. He stated that his only concern is that there is another hotel on the other side of Dutton Rd.

Steve Samona, on behalf of Samona Property Group, stated that they love the location and are excited to be a part of a thriving community. In response to a question from Mr. Kittle regarding the nearby hotel, Mr. Samona stated that any business will have competition. He stated that his product is different than the other hotel.

Mr. Kittle questioned if the \$16,000 earmarked for the signage, could be steered toward the Foundation for use on the amphitheater. Mr. Cohen explained that the reason staff suggested they provide the money is that it was the desire of Council to have an entry sign in that area of the community. If that is not a concern, the money could be steered toward the Foundation.

Moved by Hammond, Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s findings and approve the Revised PUD Step One – Concept Plan for the Dutton Corporate Centre subject to the conditions of the administrative review team, subject to the City having the flexibility to use the money toward the amphitheater or toward the sign.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.07.131

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

Moved by Burmeister, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s findings and approve the PUD Step Two – Site Plan for the Candlewood Suites Hotel subject to the conditions of the administrative review team.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.07.132

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9d. Motion – To Award Concrete Maintenance Contract and Scope of Construction Services

Mr. Herczeg explained that the contract includes work through 2019 to gain economies of scale and have an on-demand unit pricing for a three-year period. Staff will evaluate the performance of the contractor year to year.

Moved by Mitchell, Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To award the 2017-2019 Concrete Maintenance Contract Construction to Hartwell Cement Company for \$790,041.00, the Construction Engineering Services to OHM Advisors for the not-to exceed cost of \$103,000.00 and Materials Testing to G2 for the estimate of \$24,000.00. Contract to be paid from TIFA B account # 252-736-935.000 in the amount of \$536,580.00, General Fund account #101-265-975.000 in the amount of \$262,661.00, and Local Roads account # 203-453-988.000 in the amount of \$117,800.00.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.07.133

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9e. Motion –To Approve the Scope of Design Engineering for Opdyke Road Pipe Burst Project

Mr. Herczeg explained the project was moved from 2018 to 2017 after staff learned that the 2019-2020 Road Commission (RCOC) project to mill and overlay Opdyke Rd from Auburn to Perry was moved up to 2018. Staff had originally planned to align this water main improvement along Opdyke with the RCOC project to limit disruption and acquire a better value. Therefore staff recommends moving forward with the design engineering at this time. Since 65% of the water main is in TIFA District B, TIFA is sharing in the cost.

Moved by Burmeister, Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To approve the award of Design Engineering Services to OHM Advisors for the 2018 Opdyke Road Pipe Bursting Project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$125,000.00. Funding to be paid from TIFA B account # 252-736-971.000 in the amount of \$81,875.00 and Water Fund account # 592-536-977.001 in the amount of \$43,125.00.

In response to a question by Mr. Kittle, Mr. Juidici explained that the Road Commission is currently soliciting federal funding to replace the bridge. Their intent is to combine the bridge replacement with the Opdyke Rd project. He stated that he has not heard if they had secured the funding, but he does know that they were actively pursuing it.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.07.134

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9f. Motion – To Approve the Installation of Chargepoint Stations

Mr. Herczeg explained that Chargepoint is the foremost distributor of charging stations and offers a flexible cloud-based system to meet the community needs. The project is completely funded by TIFA as all of the units reside in TIFA districts.

Mr. Herczeg confirmed for Mr. Kittle that these units do allow for flexibility in charging for energy and service. This system will provide reporting information to determine how much usage, who is using, and when it is

being used. Mr. Kittle asked if the City knows what the energy consumption is for the existing units. Mr. Herczeg stated that no, it does not, which is another driving factor for these units to figure out exactly how much energy is being used. Mr. Kittle expressed support of charging for the use of the units.

Mr. Knight stated that if his vehicle is completely without charge, it charges overnight and costs him \$2.00. He stated that he cannot believe that the units are five-years old and outdated already. He questioned if the new equipment going to have a five-year life. Mr. Herczeg explained that the technology moves forward so quickly that they are having difficulty finding parts to fix the existing units. He noted that the Chargepoint stations do come with a maintenance agreement as well.

Mayor McDaniel questioned if there was a time limit for parking in those spots. Mr. Herczeg stated that the Chargepoint system will send a text message to the vehicle to tell you to move your car after a certain amount of time if it is fully charged.

Moved by Mitchell, Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To approve Installation of Chargepoint Units by Eco Green Energy LLC at the existing electric vehicle charging station locations.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.07.135

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9g. Motion – To Approve the Purchase of a Rosenbauer Fire Apparatus, 100' Ladder Truck

Chief Manning explained the request is to purchase a new 100' ladder truck to replace an existing one that is twenty years old. He explained that the purchase is scheduled for 2018, however it takes 365 days to build the apparatus. He stated that with the existing plan in place, the City should not need to replace another apparatus until approximately 2024.

Chief Manning confirmed for Ms. Verbeke that the proposed ladder is high enough for the department's general purposes. The cost increases considerably with longer ladders.

Mr. Burmeister stated that he found it odd that only one company chose to bid on the apparatus. Chief Manning explained that the bid was as general as possible to try to keep it open in order to draw in as many bids as possible. It is quite a bit of work to put a bid together and if a company feels like you have a relationship with another company already they are less likely to submit a bid.

Mr. Burmeister questioned how many days the existing truck has been out of service. Chief Manning explained that it had some cracking on the back of the body and a ~~weld~~ weld failed. It has been addressed and the company extended the warranty another ten years. He confirmed that it went back to South Dakota for that repair for approximately one month.

Roger Parker, Central Region Sales Manager for Rosenbauer, stated that there was a flaw, human error mistakes were made, and the inspection did not get made in the quality control process. The CEO flew out and extended the warranty an extra ten years. He stated that they did bring back the truck at their cost, inspected the entire truck, and flew out a representative from Auburn Hills to make sure the final inspection was done again. He stated that they take pride in what they build and want to make sure they have a long lasting relationship with the City.

Bob Coulter, Sales Manager for Emergency Vehicles Plus, explained that the response time to an incident depends on what is wrong with the truck. If it is out of service and will not function as a fire truck, they will

have someone there within six to eight hours to diagnosis and fix the problem. 95% of all issues could be fixed in house.

Mr. Burmeister questioned if the turning radius is any different with the wheel bases and expressed concern that most of the site plans were designed for a smaller wheel base and there could be difficulties in getting the apparatus into the site. Chief Manning confirmed that there is a difference in the wheel base, so there is a turning radius difference. Staff has taken that into consideration and still feel that the benefits of the extended ladder and ability to have a mid-mount and drive straight in are considerable. Chief Manning understood his concern and noted that they will make sure that they know the areas with access point challenges and will have a plan addressing those issues should there be a problem.

Ms. Verbeke requested an explanation of the warranty process. Mr. Coulter stated that it is a full warranty as long as it is reported in the process through their dealer network.

Ms. Mitchell commented that there are times when you purchase an item of this nature and you have a quality concern, however the response from the manufacturer by taking ownership of it and operating with integrity, can result in the summary of your experience exceeding your expectations. That is what staff is bringing forward today.

Mr. Kittle questioned the delivery timing. Chief Manning explained the ordering process and noted that every nut and bolt is reviewed. It is anticipated that the truck will be available in August 2018.

Mr. Kittle questioned the payment options. Chief Manning explained that if nothing is put down, we can utilize the option of using the pay as you go plan. He stated that we would gain a discount of almost \$19,000.

Mr. Kittle stated that if he was going out to bid, and only one bid was received, it is a message that there is something wrong with the bid and it should be rebid. There are thirty-eight manufacturers of fire apparatuses across the country. He noted that the Chief did do research, but he wishes there were more data points to measure from. He stated that if it were him he would bid it again.

Mr. Knight agreed with Mr. Kittle and questioned if this should be re-bid. Mr. Tanghe commented that what you risk at this point is getting the same result at a higher price.

Mayor McDaniel commented that the presentation was very thorough. He stated that he feels more comfortable in doing business with them because they stood behind their warranty. He noted that the company will be paying even closer attention when building this truck to make certain that they do not have to have this conversation again with the Chief. With the depth of knowledge from former Chief Burmeister and his comfort with this purchase, the Mayor feels like this is an apparatus that the City needs and he does not want to prolong the purchase.

Mr. Burmeister stated that from what he has been seeing in the industry, the cost is around \$1M for a 100' aerial, give or take \$100,000. He was concerned when he saw only one bid, but was not surprised. He agreed that this should be placed at Station 3 where a lot of the apartment complexes are.

Mr. Kittle suggested that there may need to be some administrative policy on purchasing items indicating a monetary threshold. If a proposal is created, to create it in such a way as to draw in as much competition as possible.

Moved by Burmeister, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of the proposed Rosenbauer 100' mid-mount ladder truck as proposed by Emergency Vehicles Plus in the amount \$999,044.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.07.136

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

Moved by Burmeister, Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To approve the “pay as you go” purchase plan of the proposed Rosenbauer 100' mid-mount ladder truck, as recommended by Finance Director/ Treasurer Schulz.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.07.137

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Kittle

- Explained that the Beautification Advisory Commission awards dinner is coming up. The Commission agreed that the award ceremony and hors d'oeuvres should be held in the Council Chamber at the meeting on September 25th.
- Commented that the investment sheet was very handy. He requested a column for “square feet” be included. Mr. Cohen stated that it could be added.
- Stated that the Opdyke bridge is a sore spot. We all have issues with the cement trucks rumbling through downtown. If we are going to spend any money on the roads downtown, he suggested only doing some patching until we can relieve some of the congestion. If we are not able to reduce the number of trucks, it makes sense to delay some of the major repairs.

Mr. Tanghe stated that we are waiting for word on the Opdyke bridge. With regard to the funding for Auburn Road, Mr. Juidici explained that it is from Opdyke to Churchill portion and is not scheduled until 2020. The downtown area proposed for next year was part of the bond package.

Mayor McDaniel noted that at the last meeting, Chief Olko was going to do some research on the trucks driving on the shoulders and sidewalks because they cannot make the turning radius. He questioned if there was any type of enforcement that the City can take to address this.

Chief Olko stated that she understands his concern, however they were not able to find anything in the motor vehicle statues that would be applicable and sustained by the court.

Mr. Burmeister

- Stated he was in the Churchill area and one of the residents stated that they had received a coyote pamphlet from the City. They said it was extremely hard to read because it was grey on grey.

Mayor McDaniel noted that there is a link to download the pamphlet directly from the Michigan DNR's website. Mr. Tanghe noted that the link was also available on the City website.

- Questioned where the City is at with the Bloomfield Orchards grass cutting issue.

Mr. Tanghe explained that the City did inform the neighborhood association that, like all other neighborhood associations, the City does not plan to continue maintaining those rights-of-way/boulevards. Mr. Burmeister stated that he agrees that the neighborhood associations should be responsible for their own maintenance.

Mr. McDaniel questioned if we need to get an attorney's opinion on that. Mr. Tanghe stated that he will follow up with Mr. Grice, for the next Council meeting.

Ms. Hammond

- Noticed the truck traffic on to Squirrel Road cutting the curbs. She stated that temporary signage letting the truck drivers know that they should not be there should be installed. The City needs some effort to stop them from exiting onto Squirrel Rd and heading south.
- Questioned if the coyote mailing was only done in the Churchill area. Mr. Tanghe confirmed that it was only mailed to five streets in that area.
- Thanked the Chief for bringing up the issues with the supposed photographer at Great Lakes Crossing. She questioned if the media was contacted before the police were contacted. Chief Olko explained that it is their understanding that the individual did contact the two TV stations. The police were never contacted. A maintenance employee contacted the mall security. The Chief stated that the police did contact the individual after we saw the news.

Mayor McDaniel encouraged anyone that if you see something or feel like there is something going on, it is better to call the police and not need us, than to need us and not call us.

Mr. Knight

- Stated that the City put in a sloped curb near the school and noted that every City road in the future should not be a curb. When we rebuild the downtown, we need to rebuild those curbs.
- Stated that he took his great-granddaughter to the STEAM program and his daughter stayed to help. It went very well.
- Appreciated the signage at the Friday concert. It was well done and well thought out. He stated that he never saw a bottle.
- Questioned if the City anticipates any development along Lapeer Rd, east of the landfill. Mr. Cohen stated that they have not heard of anything as far as new development. We do know that until 2121, there is a non-compete with McDonalds for other types of restaurants to locate there.
- Commented that when landfill zoning was developed, it was developed as a classification for zoning. It was meant to show every place in the City that has junk underneath. We have not been as diligent in locating those spots and having that zoning there, however the Brownfield Development group commissioned a \$2,500 study locating every suspicious site in the City in order to ascertain every site that may have a problem on it.

Ms. Mitchell

- Expressed appreciation to Borg Warner for the hospitality they showed the City on July 14th. Council had an opportunity to tour their technical center in Auburn Hills.
- Thanked the City Council of Rochester Hills for hosting a valuable training session. She would be willing to have some consideration about adjusting the amount of time allocated for public comments as well as the process for approving minutes of the Executive Sessions.
- Complimented the innovative Touch a Truck event hosted by DPW and the Library.
- Congratulated the City in being recognized for the 2017 Planning Excellence Award for Best Practices for the City's Age Friendly Action Plan. A lot of effort was put into it.
- Thanked the TIFA Board for the purchase of the artificial Christmas tree at the July meeting.
- Requested Chief Olko remind everyone on the specifics of National Night Out. Chief Olko explained that the event will be held on Tuesday, August 1st. It will be held at three separate locations – The Den, Public Safety Building, and Target from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM.
- Pointed out that applications are being accepted for the Citizens Police Academy. Chief Olko noted that the application is available on the City website. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about the police. It will be held from September 21st through November 9th on Thursday evenings.
- Congratulated the Kids First Initiative on their recently held STEAM event.

- Requested communication be held regarding the semi-trucks parking on the corner of Auburn and Opdyke.
- Announced that Congressman Trott is nominating young people to attend military service academies. The nominations can be submitted until September 15th.

Ms. Verbeke

- Noted that Brown Rd is under construction. Mr. Brisson confirmed for Ms. Verbeke that the project is expected to be completed by mid to late October this year.

Mayor McDaniel

- Requested clarification as to the reason why we cannot deter truck traffic from going through our downtown. Mr. Tanghe explained that those roads are rated and funded in a way that prevents the City from limiting truck traffic. The City will look into this further.

Mayor McDaniel suggested that if we are looking into the future, the City may be better off not accepting that road funding and utilize our own funding to do those road improvements so we can deter that traffic. The financial benefit of the matching funds may not be to our advantage if the roads need repair more rapidly. He recommended staff look into it to see if it is a possibility.

Ms. Mitchell commented that she would be willing to have that conversation because she cannot think of any vibrant downtown that has that amount of truck traffic that goes through it.

Mr. Knight noted that 90% of the truck traffic is local and you cannot prevent it.

Mayor McDaniel stated that he not talking about the local deliveries. It is the trucks carrying cement or gravel driving down Auburn Road when there are other routes of getting to those businesses.

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Tanghe

- Announced that the Fire Department 24-hour shifts started on Saturday. The City is now covered 24/7 365 at all three stations.
- Announced that the Planning Excellence Award for Best Practice was awarded to the Auburn Hills Age Friendly Action Plan. He recognized the Senior Services Director Karen Adcock and Community Development Director Steve Cohen for their leadership on this issue.
- Congratulated City Attorney Derk Beckerleg on being awarded the Distinguished Municipal Attorney Award by the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys. He stated that Mr. Beckerleg is one of the best of the best and is very deserving of this recognition.
- Wrote a blog today which talked about a number of businesses that recently chose Auburn Hills to be their first location in Michigan – most recently TopGolf. Visit our Community Development blog at auburnhillsdevelopment.com.
- Announced that, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, the City is finalizing its work on a corporate endorsement video with a number of business leaders talking about their experience in conducting business in Auburn Hills. This initiative has been led by Stephanie Carroll and Kyle Scislowicz and should be ready in September.
- Commented that the 2018 budget process is moving along very efficiently. It will be ready for City Council's public review at the first budget workshop scheduled for Monday, August 28th.

Mr. Knight questioned where the City Council and Optimist Club benches are located. Mr. Tanghe explained that it is across the street south of City Hall and across the street. The Optimist Club bench is located off Tienken Rd.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

13a. Discussion of Attorney Opinion Letter

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To meet in Executive Session to discuss an attorney opinion letter.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 17.07.138

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

The Council recessed to executive session at 9:24 PM

The meeting reconvened in open session 10:24 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 PM.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Terri Kowal, City Clerk