



The City of Auburn Hills

City Council Meeting

Minutes

March 18, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: by Mayor McDonald at 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Present: Mayor McDonald, Mayor Pro Tem Hammond, Council Members Doyle, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel

Absent: Council Member Verbeke

Also Present: City Manager Auger, Assistant City Manager Tanghe, Director of Public Safety Chief of Police Olko, Deputy Director Hardesty, Deputy Director Manning, Asst. Fire Chief Macias, City Clerk Kowal, Community Development Director Cohen, Recreation Director Marzolf, City Attorney Hill, City Engineer Stevens.

Guests 51

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. Regular City Council Meeting – March 4, 2013

Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To approve the March 4, 2013 City Council minutes.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald

No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

Resolution No. 13.03.046

4b. Council Workshop – March 4, 2013

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To approve the March 4, 2013 Council Workshop minutes.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald

No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

Resolution No. 13.03.047

5. Appointments and Presentations

5a. Introduction and Issuance of Oath of Office to Assistant Fire Chief Antonio Macias III

Director of Public Safety Chief of Police Olko reviewed the process undertaken to hire an Assistant Fire Chief, reminding Council that both the Fire Chief and Assistant Chief retired within the last 4 months. Some very highly qualified candidates applied, and she is pleased that we were able to hire the most qualified. She then introduced Assistant Fire Chief Antonio Macias III to City Council. Assistant Fire Chief Macias was born and raised in the Pontiac area, and began his first job as a Firefighter for the City of Pontiac nine months after graduating from high school. Assistant Fire Chief Macias attended the Macomb Fire Academy, and also became a paramedic within his first three years of fire service. During the 22 years he served with the Pontiac Fire Department, he achieved two Associate Degrees from Oakland Community College; one in Firefighter Technology and one in Emergency Medical Technology. Assistant Fire Chief Macias was promoted in Pontiac until he was Deputy Fire Chief, and was the Interim Fire Chief in their last days as a department. After retiring, he continued his educational path by attending Eastern Michigan University (EMU) School of Fire and Staff Command. He is currently taking classes and plans on achieving his bachelor's degree in Public Administration from EMU in the fall of 2014. Assistant Fire Chief Macias is a member of the Oakland County Incident Management Team, Michigan Task Force One, and MABAS 3201 Technical Rescue Teams. At the City Council meeting, his wife, three sons, father, and stepmother were in attendance.

After being issued the Oath of Office by City Clerk Terri Kowal, Assistant Fire Chief Macias was welcomed by Mayor McDonald and the Council members. Assistant Fire Chief Macias thanked City Council for the opportunity to serve the City, for the gracious welcome, and assured them that he is looking forward to a long successful career here.

5b. Presentation – Friends of the Clinton River Trail

Mayor McDonald noted under NEW BUSINESS, Item 9b., is also regarding this topic and stated he will move that Item, to immediately follow this presentation if there is no objection from Council; there was no objections.

Recreation Director Brian Marzolf spoke to Council briefly about the Friends of the Clinton River Trail, which passes through five distinct communities, offering thousands of users a non-motorized transportation corridor as well as access to a variety of recreation opportunities such as biking, hiking, running, canoeing/kayaking, geo-caching, fishing, cross country skiing and wildlife viewing. The ongoing goal is to build a world class trail.

There is a grant available that is being reviewed by City Council tonight so that it can be submitted by the deadline of April 1, 2013. The grant will also be applied for by Rochester and Rochester Hills. Sylvan Lake and Pontiac, the other two communities on the Trail, are not applying for the grant at this time. He then introduced Fred Phillips, of the Friends of

Clinton River Trail (FCRT) and Kristin Wiltfang, of the Oakland County Planning Department. Both are with the FCRT group. The FCRT is an all volunteer group. They operate under a simple mission statement: *The Friends of the Clinton River Trail is a group of residents committed to the vision of a trail that is safe and enjoyable recreational feature for the communities through which it passes—Sylvan Lake, Pontiac, Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills and the City of Rochester*”. They are currently working with Rochester and the Road Commission to establish crossings on Dequindre Road. One key goal of the group is to unify the entire trail; stressing the “One Trail, Five Cities” theme. There are 5 separate parks on the trail, in 5 separate cities, as well as Oakland County itself, but in each case the lineal parks touch one in the next community. Each park is governed by its own City, but the FCRT would like to establish similar signage, benches, and landmarks in each park on the trail so the connection is clear. There is a growing desire in the state for longer trails, rather than a multitude of shorter trails. By linking these trails with matching characteristics, the identity of the Trail as a multi-community trail becomes more evident. The Governor is recommending a trail from Detroit to Wisconsin, and there already exists portions of a trail to Port Huron from Lake St. Clair, Those two paths intersect directly in Auburn Hills on the Clinton River Trail. If we can promote our Trail to have its own overall identity, and something other than 5 long parks, we can attract commercial business and revenue generating opportunities for the City. Mr. Phillips shared a video created by the Friends of the Clinton River Trail. It highlighted the downtown area in Rochester and Auburn Hills, which could be advertised from the trail. The “Look and Feel” project, for which they are here today, addresses their goals. It provides the opportunity for signage, mile markers, map boxes, and general indications of food, restrooms, beverages, etc. in the area. The Friends group has spent \$33,000.00 on the design to date. Since 2008, they have been studying what would be useful to have along the trail. A long list was developed. Some examples of the types of things recommended include the monument signs, similar to the ones used by AH now. Ms. Wiltfang explained she is with Oakland County planning. The county is very much behind this and believes tourists will be drawn to the trail. The signage will indicate the mile marker, with the City, allowing Emergency Services easier location of the person. The Cities will be indicated by the color of the signs also. Interpretive signage will be placed to show historical areas in the cities.

Ms. Wiltfang summarized that map boxes, mile markers, monument signs will all be placed along the Trail directing people towards restaurants, beverages, places to park, and emergency notification instructions. The cities will each have a separate color for their signs, so the colors will become identifiable on the trail. The friends have raised \$33,000 for the prototype to be installed in May, at Crooks Road. Input from the elected officials and the public has been collected. Tonight, they are looking for a resolution to go forward with the grant.

Mayor McDonald feels the Trail is an asset to the community, and is happy that it is succeeding. He thanked both Ms. Wiltfang and Mr. Phillips for their dedication and efforts. Mr. Knight suggested perhaps some sort of system that can be activated by the walkers, to indicate to motorists that a person is approaching the roadway. He does not feel a traffic light is the solution, due to the cost involved. Ms. Wiltfang responded that they will look into that.

Mr. Kittle asked if the website is clintonrivertrail.org, and if that is where persons who wish to donate would do so? He asked Mr. Phillips to tell the public how to donate funds, and the response was that anyone can join the Friends.

Mr. Marzolf explained to City Council that the grant in front of them is a draft right now. The grant is due to the state on April 1st. The amount of the grant is \$73,500 and we would need to match it with \$24,500 for a total of \$98,000, and can do that by approving the attached resolution.

Ms. Doyle is very pleased to see this plan, as it fits perfectly into our recreation plan. She feels it will be a wonderful addition to the downtown area. She thanked Mr. Phillips and Ms. Wiltfang for their contributions to this part of Michigan.

9b. Motion – Resolution of Support for Grant Application to MNRTF/ Clinton River Trail (Item moved from New Business)

Mr. Marzolf noted the grant application is due by April 1, 2013 and the request is for \$74,500, with the City’s portion being \$24,500 for a total of \$98,000.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Doyle.

RESOLVED: To accept the staff recommendation and adopt the resolution authorizing application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant program for trail improvements on the Clinton River Trail in Auburn Hills

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald

No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

Resolution No. 13.03.048

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.

Ms. Doyle requested 7a.1. to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a.2. Planning Commission – February 26, 2013

Moved by McDaniel; Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda item 7a.2 as submitted.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald

No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

Resolution No. 13.03.049

7a.1. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – February 26, 2013

Ms. Doyle asked that the minutes of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority be amended by correcting some names of the members. The Clerk agreed.

Moved by Doyle; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda item 7a.1 as amended.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald

No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

Resolution No. 13.03.050

8. OLD BUSINESS

8a. Public Hearing/Motion – Approve Liquor License Renewals

Deputy Director Hardesty explained as of last Thursday, Toby Keith's and Callahan's had met all the requirements to have their liquor license renewals approved; as of this afternoon Duffy's, too, had met all their obligations and requirements.

Deputy Director Hardesty noted the only establishment with outstanding obligations is Elwell's and Mr. Elwell is present.

Mr. Elwell noted he has an outstanding tax bill, and has every intention of paying it. With remodeling and paying back taxes from his previous tenant, he is in the process of generating cash with the recent opening of his restaurant.

Confirming for Mr. Knight, Mr. Auger stated yes, the taxes are now at the County for collection and if those taxes are not paid by the taxpayer within three years, the City must give the money back to the County.

Mr. McDaniel inferred regardless of Council's suggestion for a liquor license, the State can disregard that suggestion.

Deputy Director Hardesty stated that is a true statement; however, he doesn't recall the State denying a license renewal for a one-year tax delinquency.

Mr. McDaniel expressed concern with suggesting non-renewal of this liquor license, noting this is a downtown anchor business, and doesn't want to prohibit the business from continuing and succeeding.

Mayor McDonald noted in the past Council has come to an agreement with a business to allow them to continue operating and working out a plan to pay the back taxes.

Mr. Elwell stated he has spent quite a bit of money remodeling the building and purchasing equipment and anticipates his cash flow will get better, and hopes to pay the taxes within 2013.

Mayor McDonald asked for a more precise time frame, noting soon the summer taxes will be due.

Mr. Elwell stated he hopes he will be able to have the money for the taxes by July.

Ms. Doyle asked for clarification of what type of motion should be made to allow Elwell's to maintain the liquor license.

Mayor McDonald suggested to include Elwell's in the motion to approve, with a contingency of having the 2013 winter property taxes paid by July. Mayor McDonald noted this would give Mr. Elwell the entire year to bring his taxes current.

Mayor McDonald opened the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Kittle noted the City has spent money trying to bring more foot traffic downtown to support those businesses. He asked if Council is setting a precedent, noting some businesses wait until the very last minute and want to stretch that further. Also, regarding the City ordinance and State law, isn't this a *shall* do this; meeting the requirements of the ordinance – black and white.

Ms. Doyle stated she is not in favor of objecting to the renewal of the license.

Mr. Knight noted in the past Council has given the opportunity to businesses to make payment arrangements to meet their obligations.

Ms. Hill noted the ordinance reads *may*, not *shall*, Section 6-11, last sentence of the first paragraph.

Mayor McDonald noted Council made arrangements with Bistro Bourdeau, ~~which was Mr. Elwell's business, and Mr. Elwell has since paid those outstanding taxes~~ which was located in Mr. Elwell's building, and the taxes were subsequently paid by Bistro Bourdeau. (Amended at the meeting of April 1, 2013.)

Based on principal, Mr. Kittle stated he would not be able to support approving the renewal of this liquor license.

Mayor Pro Tem Hammond requested abstaining from voting on Elwell's liquor license status as she is employed there.

Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To allow Mayor Pro Tem Hammond to abstain from voting on Elwell's liquor license approval.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald

No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

Resolution No. 13.03.051

Moved by Doyle; Seconded by McDaniel.

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the annual liquor licenses of those establishments who have now met the licensing requirements of the City: Callahan's Toby Keith's, Duffy's Irish Pub and Elwell's.

Ms. Buschmohle explained Mr. Elwell can make payments at the County towards his property taxes, they don't need to be paid in full at one time.

Mr. Kittle asked if the motion is appropriate, noting it indicates all requirements have been met to approve the license renewals.

Mayor McDonald closed the public hearing at 7:57 p.m.

Ms. Doyle amended her motion.

Moved by Doyle; Seconded by McDaniel.

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the annual liquor licenses for Callahan's, Toby Keith's, Duffy's Irish Pub and Elwell's.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald

No: Kittle

Abstain: Hammond

Motion Carried (4-1-1)

Resolution No. 13.03.052

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – Adopt Resolution to Approve Participation in Oakland County's One Stop Ready Program

Mr. Cohen explained the City has been invited to participate in the County's One Stop Ready Program, which is designed to help communities improve their economic development initiatives by showing best practices and customer service. This would include fast approval processes, business recruitment and retention programs.

Mr. Cohen noted Deputy County Executive Matt Gibb, Deputy Director of Economic Development & Community Affairs Dan Hunter, and Business Development Representative Bret Rasegan are in attendance and ready make a presentation and answer questions.

Mr. Gibb explained the initiative is designed to adopt the best practices of those governments within the County and region, that would enable us to learn from each other the best practices of economic development and quality of life initiatives, those that will lead to the greatest advantages of our communities. When the pilot program began, Auburn Hills was left out intentionally to allow other communities the opportunity to participate in a program that is similar to what Auburn Hills has attained as a benchmark for economic development in the County as well as the State.

This program is not at the direction of the County; it is more of a self-evaluation of what each community's greatest strengths are and what can be improved upon.

Mr. Rasegan explained the purpose and how to get started and the major components of the program.

Purpose: Capitalize on strengths; refine processes; and implement local visions. The biggest challenge is to have communities think like an investor. The County will be the advocate for the City among the different County departments.

Getting Started: Three easy steps – 1. Council pass a resolution to become part of the program; 2. Council sign the One Stop Ready poster; 3. Identify a liaison to work closely with the County, one person from the City and one person from the County become the primary contacts.

Four Components –

1. The Academy - four work sessions over the course of the year: 1.) Economic contexts and community division; 2.) An investor's perspective; 3.) Management structure; 4.) Implementation of best practices.

2. Tools & Strategies - 1.) Pre-application meetings; 2.) Internet accessibility; 3.) Project tracking; 4.) Business input; 5.) Permitting processes

3. Marketing – tell your story; participate in the program; desire to improve; feature your success. 1.) Internet social media – Advantage Oakland; E-prosper; training. 2.) Person to person open house, inviting residents and businesses in to meet and showcase the services the City offers.

4. The Forum – meet twice a year; meet and discuss; identify problems; share successes and not singling out any one community.

Mr. Gibb explained at the end of the process each community will come forward and describe what they are best at doing and other communities may wish to adopt those practices. There are other communities that are anxious to be included in the program, it looks as if it will catch on quickly. Also at the end of the year, each community will be asked to share something that is frustrating, something they can't figure out how to deal with.

Mayor McDonald asked Mr. Cohen his opinion about the program.

Mr. Cohen responded he and others are very excited about the program and are eager to be a part of it. It will give the City the chance to improve and challenge what is currently being done. Also, there are many things the City is doing well, and will be highlighted.

Mr. Kittle noted SEMCOG's main objectives for the year is to embrace and promote economical development, and asked if there is a SEMCOG representative who will be a part of this program.

Mr. Rasegan explained currently SEMCOG is not part of this program; however, the County does work with them on many initiatives and could reach out to them.

Mr. Gibb noted SEMCOG is waiting to see the quick progress that will be achieved with this program first, and may adopt some of the findings more regionally.

Mr. Rasegan stated there is no charge to the City.

Ms. Doyle asked Mr. Cohen how this program would impact him and his staff.

Mr. Cohen explained there will be a team of people working on this project, Mr. Auger, Ms. Renaud, Mr. Keenan, and other staff members. The City already has a great working relationship with the County, and believes it will only improve. He believes the outcome will only be good and doesn't see any downside or as a burden. This program will help work more closely with other communities as well, teaching and learning.

Responding to Ms. Doyle, Mr. Rasegan and Mr. Gibb explained this program is designed to attract businesses both large and small as well as residents and to assist a current resident that may want to build a garage.

Mr. Gibb explained further, when traveling internationally, Auburn Hills is the heart of Oakland County's corporate base. These companies look at many locations and this program will help those businesses realize that a community that is part of this program will be much easier and quicker to deal with.

Ms. Doyle asked if Council members are able to attend The Academy.

Mr. Gibb explained the idea behind the signing of the poster is for all elected officials as well as members of various boards and commission to also sign, demonstrating they too are behind this program and willing to listen. The Academy is opened to anybody in the community who wishes to participate and learn, with the first step being the economic context.

Mr. Rasegan noted the days currently being considered are the third Wednesday's of June, July, September and October; however, those dates must still be confirmed and he will forward the dates when available.

Mr. Knight noted he is in favor of supporting this program and is pleased to share Auburn Hill's successes with other communities.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by McDaniel.

RESOLVED: To adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City of Auburn Hills' participation in Oakland County's One Stop Ready Program.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle Knight, McDaniel, McDonald

No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

Resolution No. 13.03.053

9b. Motion – Resolution of Support for Grant Application to MNRTF/ Clinton River Trail (moved to follow Item 5b.)

9c. Motion – Approve the proposed citywide telephone system upgrade to a Mitel (VoIP) Voice over Internet Protocol telephone system from Suntel Services

Deputy Director Hardesty explained the 2013 approved budget included \$144,000.00 for phone upgrades to the City's outdated phone system. Last month Council approved \$43,170.51 of the \$144,000.00 for hardware upgrades to the network which will support the proposed new VoIP telephone system. The current City phone system is a digital Mitel system which has provided reliable phone service for the last 12 years, it is outdated and having periodic system breakdowns. The computer controllers for the phone system were discontinued by the manufacturer, the voicemail system is outdated and the server is no longer supported by the manufacturer. Fieldstone and Fire Stations One and Three are not on the current system.

A networked VoIP telephone system will provide significantly more options for staff, many of which are customizable by each user from their computer workstation. Some of the advantages of this type of system are:

- Integration of voicemail and email
- Conference calling capability
- Easily reroute calls to different numbers or locations by the user
- Receive and make calls remotely
- Ability to queue calls during high volume times
- Increased functionality and mobility for the end user
- All City buildings on one integrated telephone system

When determining a vendor, numerous factors were taken into consideration, including price, quality, functionality and reliability, and legacy costs. The newer system maintenance costs are significantly less, approximately \$5,500.00 less per year and no longer needing the T11 line reduces costs by a few thousand dollars annually. Another major factor is the public safety communications center processes nearly 90,000 calls a year; which are not all 911 calls. Many of those calls are for other departments and this system allows those calls to be transferred to the appropriate department.

After speaking with other communities about phone systems, the Mitel VoIP solution proposed by Suntel meets all of the needs of the City. The current Mitel hardware has been very reliable, and can continue to be used with some of the current hardware in areas where a VoIP upgrade is not necessary. Suntel and Mitel have a verified history of compatibility with the Positron emergency telephone system, and this system is installed Rochester Hills and Jackson County successfully.

Suntel Systems is the authorized area dealer that provides Mitel hardware under the GSA (General Services Administration) pricing that discounts from the normal price list by a substantial percentage. GSA is a federal government purchasing program that is open to participation by local municipalities. If purchased in April, there is a substantial savings of \$16,400.00.

The proposed solution from Suntel Services will provide all hardware and software for a network integrated VoIP telephone system, installation and configuration of the system, administrator and “train the trainer” training. The cost for this system is \$100,731.48, bringing the total project cost to \$143,901.99, just under the budgeted projection.

Mr. Knight questioned if this item was approved by the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Deputy Director Hardesty explained this isn't a Public Safety purchase, it is a general fund purchase for the City; he only did the research for the project.

Chris Athenson and Darwin Belkam, representatives from Suntel were present and available for questions.

Mr. McDaniel asked what part of the old system will be kept and what will be replaced.

Mr. Athenson stated he knows one of the peripheral nodes will be kept for some analog lines and digital lines.

Mr. McDaniel's concerns are this will be a hybrid system, by combining part of the old system, the voice over and the Positron system.

Mr. Athenson explained the new IP controller, will be replacing the current controller has the capability of supporting the IP as well as the older digital and analog technologies.

Mr. McDaniel asked why the traditional analog is being kept.

Deputy Director Hardesty explained the older equipment being kept are the old phone in copy rooms, exercise rooms; places where there isn't a need for an updated system.

Mr. McDaniel asked why for the minimal cost of digital phone, that everything would be converted over to voice over IP systems and reap the savings of no longer using an analog system.

Mr. Belkam explained the analog is on the systems side, it isn't connected to any analog services from a service provider. Digital lines will be coming in from the service provider, some scattered analog services, currently being used in certain instances such as fax machines and back-up services; the analog devices he is speaking of is the handsets in the hallways and low usage areas. These are not generating any maintenance costs and replacing them would increase the cost of the system.

Mr. McDaniel asked for details regarding the remote calling feature.

Mr. Athenson explained one instance is an IP phone having a processor in the phone and used via a broadband connection anywhere in the world tunneling through the internet back to the City's phone system here. Another possibility is twinning, the phone system rings your cell phone at the same time it is ringing your desk phone; there is a mobile

applications that can be used with Smart phones, allowing you to make a call from your cell phone but will appear to the receiver the call is coming from the City. There are also soft phones that work via the internet.

Mr. McDaniel asked if Positron is actually integrating to transfer lines over to the Mitel system or does the Mitel system become a trunk to the Positron system.

Mr. Athenson stated it can be done both ways, he isn't sure how it is done in the City, but it a basic function of any phone system.

Mr. Belkam noted the existing wiring and cable will be used, there is no need for any additional.

Mr. McDaniel noted with the latest and greatest technology, he was curious why all aspects would not be implemented. He was concerned with not reaping the cost savings of the service portion of the system, only the maintenance portion. The reason most convert to this new technology is for the cost savings from a provider.

Mr. Athenson stated many services will be implemented immediately, but there are other portions that have costs associated with them and they were not part of this proposal.

Deputy Director Hardesty explained replacing the hardware would cost near \$50,000.00 to keep the same system. There are increased capabilities with the voice over IP system, and once in place, it was suggested to meet again and see what else can be done with this system to generate further savings.

Mr. McDaniel noted identical aspects of the installation will be repeated when upgrading at a future date.

Mr. Belkam explained many businesses that moving forward with this technology prefer to get comfortable with it before deciding to move forward and adding additional components and suggested the City may want to do that as well.

Mr. McDaniel, Mr. Belkam and Mr. Athenson had an indepth technical conversation, which left the rest of the attendees in a quandary.

Mr. Kittle asked about the timing and asked if there was time to look at the phone bills and do a study as a full service provider prior to making a decision.

Mr. Belkam stated there is time; however, it is the purchase of the hardware has a limited amount of time to receive the discount. The evaluation would take approximately 30 days.

Mr. McDaniel agreed that is acceptable.

Moved by McDaniel; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of Mitel Voice over Internet Protocol telephone system from Suntel Services in the amount of \$100,731.48.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald

No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

Resolution No. 13.03.054

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Hammond:

- Noted Larry Douglas Jr., passed away and there is a memorial Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Pixley Funeral Home.

Ms. Doyle:

- Mr. Golbeski brought to her attention, the City's website and Waste Management's website does not mention what is recyclable. There is an article in the Auburn Hills Review that indicates what is recyclable and that information should be put on the website. Also, the public service announcements on Channel 17 does not include Auburn Hills promoting recycling and feels it should be included.
- Thanked Director of Emergency Services for her role as the Chair of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, and working with the Attorney General's task force on human trafficking.

Mr. Knight:

- Thanked Mayor McDonald for attending the Avondale Youth Recognition Night.
- Thanked the DPS for keeping the Christmas lights on until March 1st.
- The Noon Optimist Club, is having a book fair at the Will Rogers school on Friday at 12:30 p.m.
- April 24th is the Steak and Burger dinner and all are invited.
- Asked if Squirrel Road around the clock and heading north will be fixed anytime soon, it is quite rough. Mr. Auger noted it is on this year's concrete maintenance program.

- On April 11th, the Morning Optimist Club, the Rotary, and the American Legion are gathering at the Boys and Girls Club to recognize Boys and Girls State participants from Avondale High School, everyone is invited.
- Clinton River Trail presentation was wonderful, but the City has a fabulous trail from River Side Park to River Woods Park and through to Adams and should be developed as an alternate with two trails going through the City. This trail should be included in the Master Trail Plan and advertised as part of the Clinton River Trail.
- There was an article about Bloomfield getting the highest bond rating, stating they had the highest per capita income and asked if that is how the bond rating is maintained.
- Asked what, if anything is happening with the Pontiac School district and the summer taxes.

Mr. McDonald:

- Goals and Objectives workshop is coming up and asked Council to check their calendars on which Saturday in May would be better and the majority will rule; May 4th, 11th, or 18th.

Mr. Kittle:

- The leave burning town hall meeting will be held May 25th, 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – none.

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- The Pontiac School update, the Chamber of Commerce is taking the lead for the businesses and there will be a meeting on Wednesday, at 2:30 for the City residents, here at City Hall. Mr. Kittle contacted homeowner associations located in the Pontiac district. Discussion will include possible solutions, including a petition drive to gather 1,080 valid signatures to present to the State Board of Education.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

James D. McDonald, Mayor

Terri Kowal, City Clerk