



The City of Auburn Hills
City Council Meeting
Minutes

July 1, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: by Mayor Pro Tem Hammond at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Hammond, Council Members Doyle, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Verbeke
Absent: Mayor McDonald
Also Present: City Manager Auger, Assistant City Manager Tanghe, Director of Emergency Services/Police Chief Olko, Senior Services Director Adcock, Finance Director Barnes, City Clerk Kowal, Community Relations Director Carroll, City Attorney Hill, City Engineer Juidici
Guests 20

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Regular Council Meeting – June 17, 2013

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Doyle.

Ms. Doyle requested the following changes be made to the June 17, 2013 minutes: to change *hoped* to *clarified* regarding the discussion to take place at the next workshop; change *Ms. Dolly* to *Dr. Dolly*. She appreciated the financial graphs included in the minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the June 17, Regular meeting minutes as amended

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

No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

Resolution No. 13.07.111

5. APPOINTMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

5a. Presentation – AARP/WHO

Ms. Adcock explained Auburn Hills will be the first City in the State to have the distinction to be recognized as an AARP World Health Organization Livable Community's Network and joining communities around the world recognizing the importance of a community for all. Ms. Adcock noted this is a process that will take several years and introduced part of the team; Co-Chair, Community Development Director Steve Cohen; the Leadership Advisory Team is the Planning Commissioners, and Community Relations Director Stephanie Carroll. There are also community partners such as SEMCOG, Oakland Family Services, OHM, a retired social security manager, a retired APS director, and resident Darlene Kitchen.

Ms. Adcock introduced the State AARP President, Tom Kimball and State Associate Director Karen Kafantaris

Mr. Kimball explained the Age Friendly Award is very unique and very important to AARP, and Auburn Hills is the first city in the state to win the award, with only 14 others being awarded throughout the country.

Ms. Kafantaris stated she began talking with the City over a year ago about the Age Friendly Communities, that the World Health Organization (WHO) has put together. AARP partnered with the WHO approximately 15 months ago to become the grantor of this designation. She applauds the City on taking this step forward, not many communities are preparing to address the aging population and are taking a wait and see attitude. There are many reasons to keep seniors in and engaged in the community. In Michigan, seniors spend \$3.7 billion with an additional \$18 billion in Medicare to the economy; 92% of seniors spend their money in their own community.

Continuing, Ms. Kafantaris stated this program is not only for seniors, the Age Friendly Program is to make life better across the entire age spectrum. Adding a wheelchair accessible curb cut also allows for stroller ease and a traffic signal cross walk time lengthened for seniors is also welcomed by families with small children. All of the changes make Auburn Hills a great place to grow up as well as a great place to grow old.

Ms. Doyle recalled Ms. Adcock stated the City already has in place many of the items that make a community an age friendly community and suggested that is why Auburn Hills received this status so quickly. Continuing Ms. Doyle asked if there is anything noticeable about Auburn Hills from other communities who are trying to achieve this goal.

Ms. Kafantaris explained there are many communities that want to be age friendly, but not committed enough to take the steps to complete the process; this program sets the framework for planning.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Hassin, a Pontiac resident, thanked Mr. Kittle for attending the Pontiac School Board meeting as well as thanking the City and the City's Attorney, the Oakland County Equalization, the Attorney General and anyone else instrumental in allowing the consent judgment school tax to be spread out over ten years. She also thanked State Representative Tim Greimel and State Senator Jim Marleau for their support.

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.

Items 7a.1. and 7b. were removed from the Consent Agenda.

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a.2. Planning Commission – June 25, 2013

Moved by Doyle; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve Consent Agenda Item 7a.2.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

Resolution No. 13.07.112

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Mr. Kittle.

7a.1. Elected Officials Compensation Commission – June 12, 2013

Mr. Kittle stated he does not agree that current or past Council Members should have better benefits than current employees and does not support the Elected Officials Compensation Commission's recommendation as stated in the minutes.

Mr. McDaniel stated he agrees with Mr. Kittle, noting in essence the Elected Officials Compensation Commission took no action, just copied the 2011 Resolution changed the year to 2013; with the exception of one sentence being added that referred to following State guidelines, staying up-to-date with the legal issues. He too, is not in support of the Resolution allowing current and past Council Members to have better health care benefits than current employees. However, the system is set up, is if two-thirds of the Council rejects the 2013 Resolution, then the 2011 Resolution would continue.

Mr. Kittle asked if Council was only approving the Elected Officials Compensation Commission minutes and not approving the recommendation.

Ms. Hammond stated Council is only approving the minutes.

Mr. McDaniel noted if Council remains quiet, the Resolution is approved.

Ms. Verbeke reasoned it would be best for Council to approve the 2013 Resolution, because of the sentence noting State guidelines will be followed and with all the changes the Governor is making, at some point there may be changes automatically because of State law.

Ms. Doyle asked for clarification, that Council is only approving the Elected Officials Compensation Commission minutes, and Council has no authority of over what the Compensation Commission recommends.

Mr. McDaniel stated Council can reject the Resolution with a two-thirds majority, which would revert back to the 2011 Resolution.

Ms Doyle, too agreed, the benefits for current and past Council Members should be reviewed in the same light as City employees and changed accordingly.

Mr. Knight agreed with changing Council's benefits, to mirror current benefits of employees. He stated the comments made by Council be reflected in the minutes, noting the dissatisfaction of *some of* Council with the Compensation Committee's recommendation.

Mr. McDaniel appreciated Mr. Knight's letters to the Elected Officials Compensation Commission of reducing Council benefits to those of employees at both this recent Compensation Commission meeting, as well as the 2011 meeting. Mr. McDaniel noted, he did not support the last appointment to the Compensation Commission because the appointee couldn't confirm how they stood regarding the Council's benefits. He would ask Council to be aware of the stances of other appointments in the future, and that Council should not receive better benefits than the employees.

Ms. Hammond understood Mr. McDaniel's position, but noted the appointee stated he could not answer how he would vote, until he had read all the information.

Ms. Verbeke stated she is in agreement that Council Members should not receive better benefits than the employees; however, she does support the minutes.

Mr. Auger stated Council should take action on the minutes, because as Ms. Verbeke stated, there is language included to follow state and federal mandates.

Ms. Doyle noted the benefits being referred to, pertain to Council Members who were elected prior to 1999, not current Council Members.

Ms. Hammond noted the year for those Council Members is as of 2005.

Mr. Auger explained there are three different stages for the Council health care benefits; most of who are retired.

Mr. McDaniel noted, there are employees who retired a long time ago and their benefits have been changed to reflect what current employees receive.

Mr. Kittle stated based on the language included in the Resolution *stating 'All future benefits provided shall comply with Federal and State mandates'* he will approve the minutes of the Elected Officials Compensation Commission.

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To approve the Elected Officials Compensation Commission minutes of June 12, 2013.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

Resolution No. 13.07.113

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda by Mr. Knight.

7b. Motion – Accept the Investment Earnings Report

Mr. Knight noted he will approve this report, but raises the issue of giving each investor \$20 million and then an additional \$5 million each when one investor is doing much better than the other. He suggested the investor doing better with the investments should be the company receiving more funds to invest. He also proposed if there is a significant change in the market, where one theory is better than the other, and it is obvious, then such a large loss shouldn't be suffered for six months. He is still dissatisfied and once in a while planned risks should be taken; he feels this is very-very conservative and it is not okay to say one is not doing very well. He realizes the amount is only \$400,000.00, but that amount isn't chicken feed.

Ms. Doyle thanked Mr. Knight for removing the item from the Consent Agenda, noting she voted against giving the additional \$5 million to Ambassador because their performance lagged Cutwater. Again, Ambassador is still lagging and Cutwater is earning twice as much on the City's investment. She is not pleased with the firm hired by the City to keep an eye on how the investments are doing, with the firm stating everything is fine.

Mr. Barnes noted last month the federal fund chairman's comments made resulted in a sell-off in the fixed income. As a result, Cutwater suffered a loss of approximately \$100,000.00, and has not yet been reflected in the City's account. If interest rates continue to increase, Ambassador will do better for the City.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To accept the Investment Performance reports for the 2013 year to date activity of Cutwater and Ambassador.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

Resolution No. 13.07.114

8. OLD BUSINESS – none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – Approval of Site Plan and Special Land Use Permit / GKN Driveline and GKN Sinter Metals – North American Headquarters

Mr. Cohen explained this is a proposal to build a new North American Headquarters for GKN Driveline and Sinter Metals; GKN has been located in Auburn Hills since 1988. GKN has since outgrown their current facility located on Seyburn Drive and will occupy a new building that will be built on the former Showcase Cinema site. Amson Dembs Development, Inc. ("Dembs") purchased the Showcase Cinema property and will be demolishing the existing building and constructing two buildings on the site. GKN will be occupying a building on the north half of the site; Mr. Dembs hopes to construct two corporate headquarters on the site. This site allows for GKN expansion if and when necessary to the west of the proposed building. This project has been reviewed and approval is recommended.

Amson Dembs introduced himself.

Mr. Knight noted the parking lot to the west is reserved for future expansion; however, referring to the traffic study, one entrance has two drives, one for incoming traffic and the other for exiting and another entrance/exit that is for two-way traffic. He questioned if that would be sufficient once the expansion for GKN is completed.

Mr. Dembs noted the study was performed and as of right now he believes the drives will be sufficient.

Ms. Verbeke too, had a concern with traffic flow and asked if the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) was satisfied with the plan and asked if there was any discussion regarding a traffic signal.

Mr. Dembs stated yes, RCOC was satisfied with the plan as presented and believed it would work well.

Ms. Verbeke was curious to know what percentage of employees would be going north and those going south.

Mr. Dembs didn't know the percentage, but believed between the two drives and the internal road, there wouldn't be any traffic issues.

Ms. Verbeke stated she is disappointed with the RCOC, knowing how difficult it is for vehicles to exit the businesses on to Opdyke Road, because of all the traffic.

Mr. Dembs confirmed for Mr. Knight that the retention and sedimentation basins will serve both sites. GKN will be leasing the building and the other proposed building could be either leased or sold.

Ms. Doyle noted this project as being record setting in terms of time it has taken from concept to appearing before Council. Continuing, she stated it is a good reflection for not only Mr. Dembs and his team, but the City's teams as well. She asked Mr. Cohen to elaborate on how a project could be reviewed and ready for Council in such a short period of time, because it is a public message of the type of city Auburn Hills is and how the City works with new development.

Mr. Cohen noted it has been 35 days from their very first meeting.

Mr. Dembs stated it is very simple, led by Mr. Cohen, the process is probably the best experience he and his team have ever had working in any community; it wasn't only the speed; the meetings were as productive as they possibly could be even though there were many meetings.

Mr. Cohen explained it is his role and his team's to serve the public and City Council, and they did that to the best of their ability and the fun it is to succeed with making everyone happy with a good project. The first question addressed to Mr. Dembs was how soon they needed to be in the building. Mr. Dembs replied right away. Mr. Cohen asked if 25 days would be soon enough to start and Mr. Dembs replied that was moving too fast. Mr. Cohen stated Mr. Dembs and his team are excellent as is the City's team, it's a terrific story.

Ms. Doyle stated she would hope there will be a press release, it's something to celebrate and share the story. It is also wonderful to see a building, being vacant for 11 years finally demolished and replaced with such a great project. She mentioned LEED certification, noting businesses point out the expense involved, yet many universities, using tax dollars are able to achieve gold standard LEED certification. She questioned if it is possible to do permeable pavement, such as Ford Motor Company used at the Rouge Plant.

Mr. Dembs explained the budget allows some green initiative work to be added to this project, but it hasn't been decided what exactly that will be. Work is currently being done with the design team to determine where that budget is best spent and what is most important. The building will not be LEED certified, but green initiatives will be included. As decisions are made moving forward, he will keep the City informed. Also, the demolition includes recycling the block and some of the other materials.

Mr. Kittle acknowledged the Community Development Department and the Planning Commission are part of the One Stop Ready program through Oakland County and the first meeting was held a week or so ago. Auburn Hills was the poster child for a lot of what was taking place and this project is a classic example. He appreciates all the hard work. Responding to Ms. Verbeke's concern, he believes more traffic will head north towards the Palace to access I-75 in the evening as well as using that exit in the morning; it will be much easier than waiting for the light at University Drive.

Ms. Hammond is happy with GKN doing great work and having the need to expand, as well as the old cinema building being demolished and being replaced with something beautiful.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Site Plan and Special Land Use Permit for GKN Driveline and GKN Sinter Metals – North American Headquarters subject to staff and consultant's conditions.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (6-0)

Resolution No. 13.07.115

9b. Motion – Approval of Site Plan and Special Land Use Permits / Marriott TownePlace Suites Hotel

Mr. Cohen explained this is Basil Bacall's third hotel near Great Lakes Crossing Outlets and the fourth in Auburn Hills. The proposed building is a three-story, extended stay hotel, built on the west portion of the site, leaving the other side available for possibly another hotel or a restaurant. Marriott's typical product for the façade of their buildings is EFIS; however, Mr. Bacall is aware of the City's design policy of not encouraging the use of EFIS so the façade will be a more expensive, durable product - fiber cement board.

Mr. Bacall wished to comment on the speed and the first class team the City has; not easy, but very thorough, very detailed and productive. Issues are discussed and the job gets done in record time, 35 days. He has properties sitting for five years, and dreads building because of the city where those properties are located; this City is a pleasure to work in.

Ms. Verbeke questioned the building height on behalf of a neighbor south of the proposed building, noting as proposed it will exceed the height limitation for that zoning district.

Mr. Bacall stated the proposed building is six feet taller; however, Mr. Cohen visited the site and took some photos, and he did the same. From the residential area to the south, the former Border Book store wasn't visible nor were the 30 foot light poles that sit atop a two and a half foot cement base.

Mr. Bacall confirmed for Ms. Verbeke, that the extended stay hotel is a different brand from the other two mall area hotels. The extended stay is by Marriott, a higher end hotel, and there aren't any other of this type in the area. People are very committed to their brand of hotel; they will drive a few miles out of their way to stay at their favorite.

Mr. Kittle noted there are two other extended stay hotels in Auburn Hills and asked how the occupancy rates are for those as well as occupancy rates for the traditional type hotels.

Mr. Bacall explained the occupancy for the mall hotels has improved as well as others in Auburn Hills. This extended stay by Marriott will be drawing from NetJet clientele via the Oakland International airport, as well as the GM plant in Orion Township.

Mr. Kittle noted at the low point the occupancy rate was 50%, and asked what the percentage is today. He also recalled Mr. Bacall was sharing services between his two other hotels and asked if that sharing would be extended to this new location as well.

Randy Serles, Regional Manager stated today, the occupancy rate is between 60% and 65%.

Mr. Kittle felt 65% is a very low utilization and asked why create additional competition.

Mr. Serles explained as a whole, the occupancy rate is 65%, but individually occupancy rates can be 70% to 75% and others are below 50%. All signs point to a recovering economy and it is expected that the occupancy rates will climb as well.

Mr. Bacall explained his hotels are rated very high because of his commitment to a quality hotel regardless of brand, as well as spending quite a bit of more money than the average run hotel. Travelers do pay attention to the brand, knowing what they like and having consistency in accommodations. Also, yes, the sharing will continue with this location.

Responding to Mr. Kittle, Mr. Serles stated there is the Centerpointe Marriott at Square Lake Road and I-75 and a Residence Inn, which is a higher-end extended stay hotel, and the Fairfield Inn on Opdyke Road, which is a lower end brand of Marriott offering limited services. This proposed hotel is a mid-range extended stay hotel.

Mr. Knight questioned why the Centerpointe Marriott was built in Pontiac with accommodations for very large groups and the hotels constructed in Auburn Hills seem to be quite a bit smaller.

Mr. Serles suggested the price of the property was probably a motivator; today, because of the cost of not only constructing such a large building but also the expense of running it is the reason that nobody is building such large hotels. The Centerpointe Marriott does get a lot of convention business, being the only hotel of its size in the area. The next closest would be one located in Dearborn.

Responding to Mr. Kittle, Mr. Serles explained having a powerful brand such as Marriott hotel near the mall and other hotels will draw the loyal Marriott customer.

Mr. Kittle applauded Mr. Bacall's intuitiveness and aggressiveness as far as business sense; however, he was curious if there are any county or region kept records or projections of the need for additional hotel rooms or if it's strictly a private sector decision.

Mr. Cohen stated it is a private sector decision. Currently the City has 2,100 rooms in 17 hotels. The reason for so many is the I-75 corridor as well as all the international businesses located in the City.

Mr. Kittle understands new businesses bring new employees, but eventually those employees find a more permanent housing situation and adding more hotel rooms cuts into the existing businesses profits.

Mr. Bacall stated by having the right product, the right brand the right service and cleanliness he will continue to draw customers. There will also be many hotels closing because of their age and it will be cost prohibitive for them to be brought up to date. Mr. Bacall explained before constructing a hotel, it is well thought out, studied and reviewed by his critics.

Ms. Doyle asked Mr. Bacall what he would consider the ideal number of rooms and hotels for Auburn Hills.

Mr. Bacall explained having enough hotel rooms in the City is a draw when a large event is taking place; one of a list of criteria is if there is a sufficient number of hotel rooms to accommodate a large group of people.

Mr. Bacall stated he doesn't want any business to close down, but he would hope that everyone raises the bar to meet guests' needs.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by McDaniel.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Site Plan and Special Land Use Permits for Marriott TownePlace Suites Hotel subject to staff and consultant's conditions.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 13.07.116

Motion Carried (6-0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. McDaniel:

- Asked for an update on the Squirrel Road paving project.

Mr. Auger stated there were a few complaints of the new concrete being rough. The rough spots will wear down with time and/or the snow plows will knock down some of the rough edges. There are grooves in the concrete to allow the water to drain to the sides of the road and for traction to help with stopping.

Mr. McDaniel explained the complaints he received was not about the rough patches, but dipping in the roadway. There seems to be two dips in each section of the new concrete. He believes it is one of the worst new paving jobs he has driven on.

Mr. Knight agreed with Mr. McDaniel, that the road is not done well at all; the leveling wasn't done with a leveling machine.

Mr. McDaniel stated one of the complaints came from someone familiar with concrete work, and explained because the new concrete is being installed in small patches, leveling machines are not possible; he also explained the dips in the pavement can be corrected without ripping up all the work that has been done by grinding.

Mr. Auger asked Mr. McDaniel to forward him the information.

Mr. Kittle:

- Asked for an update on the soccer fields and how they are progressing.

Mr. Juidici explained work has been ongoing, installing underground utilities; most of the storm sewer is installed, the sanitary sewer line for the future restrooms is installed, and the water main taps have just been completed. The irrigation system is currently being worked on and once that is completed the top soil and seed will go in.

- Inquired about the apartments downtown and how the angle parking is proceeding.

Mr. Auger stated there are signs notifying that angle parking will soon be coming as well as posted on the web site and other social media outlets. The apartments are moving forward as is the parking garage. A meeting will be held with DTE to have permanent power hooked up; elevators cannot be installed until there is permanent power. There is a leasing agent who is leasing a portion of the DEN.

Mr. Tanghe stated 40 of the apartments were scheduled to be ready in August with the remaining 57 becoming available gradually with all being done by January ; however, since the issues with DTE, he's sure that time has been pushed back.

Ms. Doyle:

- Congratulated Director of Emergency Services Olko who was just awarded the Presidential Medal, given by the Association of Michigan Police Chiefs. She also thanked Director Olko for serving on the Girls Scouts Southeastern Michigan Board.
- Announced she will not be running for Council when her term expires in November. She has served on Council for four years and the Planning Commission for five years prior to Council. She is appreciative and is pleased to have served on such a functional Council. She has the opportunity to do more long distance traveling and by doing so, won't have the time of serving the City and residents as required.

Ms. Verbeke:

- While reviewing the Planning Commission minutes, she noticed the topic of traffic and Alberta Street. A number of vehicles turn onto Alberta Street thinking there is an access from Alberta into the strip mall. It had been discussed in the fall of possibly planting quick growing trees shielding the parking lot from view until the driver has passed Alberta Street; she asked Mr. Cohen if that idea had been researched.

Mr. Cohen stated research has been ongoing with OHM and the Police Department. Another thought is to have a curb cut into the strip mall, where Lazy Boy had been located. Talks will continue with the Police Department as well as with the neighbors.

Ms. Verbeke stated the resident she has been in contact with agrees there should be a curb cut, as does a number of neighbors.

- Asked if the City had any plans on repairing Baldwin Road, even though it is a county road.

Mr. Auger stated there was a meeting with the Road Commission for Oakland County and they are aware of the condition of the road. The financing isn't currently available, but is being looked into.

- Asked if there has been any talk regarding Joslyn Road.

Mr. Auger stated in the same conversation with the RCOC, installing signs into the roadway will be investigated.

Ms. Verbeke questioned if the road resurfacing would be taking place, because there was an issue with the purchase of a road right-of-way.

Mr. Auger stated that has been resolved.

- Referenced the Pontiac School Board meeting and the tax issue, and asked Mr. Auger to explain. She also asked about the interest accrued on the payment schedule and how that would be handled if a resident wished to pay in full.

Mr. Auger stated he will discuss the issue in his report.

- Asked Director Olko if car seat inspections have been terminated.

Director Olko explained because of the cost involved for the training, because there isn't any training locally, a list of local resources that still perform the inspections has been compiled and given to anyone seeking an inspection.

Mr. McDaniel asked if it may be possible to continue the service, he knows many people rely and feel safer with the inspection.

Director Olko stated if there were somewhere closer for personnel to be trained it would be easier. Currently there is travel involved and it isn't certain the training will take place; there is a lot of overtime involved as well as staff scheduling conflicts.

Mr. McDaniel suggested the possibility of bringing in a trainer to train a department trainer so the department to stay up-to-date with training as well as training others.

Director Olko stated those who issue the certification were not willing to do it that way; it had been looked into.

Mr. McDaniel hopes there will be some way to offer that service in the future.

Ms. Verbeke noted it is mandated by the State for foster parents to have the car seat installed correctly, but it is becoming increasingly more difficult to find an agency that offers the service.

Director Olko explained the training process also is a factor; the training is not done well.

Mr. McDaniel suggested the possibility of the City spearheading the training, and then training others.

Director Olko stated she will take another look at what possibilities are available.

- Witnessed a bicyclist along Joslyn Road, where there is no sidewalk or pathway, having to carry their bike over weeds. She would like the City to continue to be aware of the situation and possibly being able to solve the issue in the future.
- Wished everyone a great 4th of July.

Mr. Knight:

- Was sorry to hear Ms. Doyle would not be seeking another term, noting she is an excellent contributor to the Council meetings; and congratulated her on her success.
- Was pleased to see the big sign downtown announcing the forthcoming angle parking.
- The clock downtown wasn't running the past week or so, and now, it is running in inaccurate; it has never run accurately in its life. He would like to see it fixed properly.
- In spite of the rain Friday night, the concert featuring Beatle music continued. There were approximately 70 people in attendance and everyone sat on the covered dance floor and listed to the music.
- He believes it is time for the City to dust off the old plan for Taylor Road and make it a four or five lane road. With a new facility being constructed and possibly more to follow, there is a need. The one major problem he sees is traffic must go ~~southbound and turn around at~~ quite a distance *northbound on Lapeer Road to access I-75*.

Ms. Hammond:

- Summerfest was a great success and thanked staff and all the volunteers.

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

- Was going to report on the MESA lawsuit, but it will be part of Mr. Auger's report and she will be happy to answer any questions.

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- City Attorney Beckerleg did a great job for this City as well as the other communities, with the judge favoring his argument and allowing the debt to be paid over a ten-year period. Initially the three mils was going to be included on the summer tax as one lump sum, now it will be paid over 10 years with interest accruing. The newspaper reported MESA has contacted Pontiac schools and stated the insurance would be canceled this year, if this year's premium is not paid in full. Work is ongoing to determine what might happen if the schools aren't able to open and to work legislatively to determine if there is anything that can be done.

Responding to Ms. Verbeke, Mr. Auger stated the tax bill will have a line item for Pontiac School debt, but no, there is no printed notice included with the tax bill explaining the situation, because at the time no one was aware of what was going to happen.

Mr. Knight stated criminal action should be taken and the teachers union should be suing because the funds the teachers were paying into MESA were re-routed for other spending.

- Two hookah lounges operate in the City, and there has been some difficulty with one of them, so there may be a need to review the City's ordinance in the near future.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by McDaniel; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To recess to Executive Session to discuss modification to Billboards at 2470 Auburn Road, 3275 Lapeer Road, and 2431 Pontiac Road.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 13.07.117

Motion Carried (6-0)

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:47 p.m. and reconvened the regular meeting at 9:14 p.m.

13. Amendment to Consent Judgments / Modification to Billboards at 2470 Auburn Road, 3275 Lapeer Road, and 2431 Pontiac Road

Moved by Doyle; Seconded by McDaniel.

RESOLVED: To approve the following orders offered by CBS Outdoor, Inc:

1. The 2nd Joint Stipulation to Amend the Consent Judgment for Gannett Outdoor Company of Michigan as amended; and
2. Amendment to the Consent Judgment for A Sign From Above, Inc., as amended.
The City Attorney shall be authorized to sign and enter both orders on the City's behalf.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 13.07.118

Motion Carried (6-0)

14. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

James D. McDonald, Mayor

Terri Kowal, City Clerk