



The City of Auburn Hills

City Council Meeting

Minutes

September 17, 2012

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, Verbeke
Absent: Council Member McDaniel
Also Present: Assistant City Manager Tanghe, Director Olko, Deputy Director Hardesty, Deputy Director Manning, City Clerk Kowal, Finance Director Barnes, DPW Director Melchert, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Engineer Stevens
8 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - none

5. APPOINTMENTS & PRESENTATIONS – none.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Hogan, 75 Oakmont explained he has spoken with DPS and the City Manager's office in trying to understand the ordinance that mandates he pay for trash hauling when he doesn't have the need for it. He had trouble with Waste Management in the past and since then has established personal recycling, reusing habits that no longer required him to use a garbage disposal service. In reading the ordinance, he noted the section that allows '*private individual excluded*', and after speaking with DPS and the City Manager's office he was told his interpretation of that section is inaccurate. Though the section states one can take their trash to the dump in their own vehicle, they still must pay Waste Management for services. He asked for help from Council.

Mr. Beckerleg explained recycling is voluntary; however, because Waste Management fees are based on the number of single residential homes and some condominiums, the service is mandatory.

Mayor McDonald explained the City can't release a few homes from complying with the ordinance; that would be a breach of contract with Waste Management as well as an ordinance violation.

Ms. Verbeke suggested Mr. Hogan use the '*snow bird*' clause, which allows residents to withdraw service for up to three months while they are away.

Mr. Hogan stated he tried that and Waste Management had someone drive by his home and noted a car in the driveway and therefore did not qualify for the '*snow bird*' clause.

Mr. Beckerleg agreed there is a '*snow bird*' clause, but he believes the home must be unoccupied.

Mayor McDonald stated the issue will be investigated and will find an answer for Mr. Hogan.

Mr. Tanghe explained residents were able to hire a trash hauler of their choice, and many times there would be more than one trash hauler a day on any given street. If the City were to allow people to opt out of City wide trash service, the City would be back to having numerous trash haulers on streets again.

Mr. Hogan asked if he could receive dispensation. He understands the number of trucks is an issue; however, he produces so little waste that he doesn't need it to be hauled away.

Mr. Knight explained the single trash hauler is for the greater good of the City.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a.1. Tax Increment Finance Authority – September 11, 2012

Moved by Doyle; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

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

No: None

Motion carried (6-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.09.150

8. OLD BUSINESS – none.

9. NEW BUSINESS – none

10. COMMENTS & MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Hammond:

- Noted she will be attending MML Convention, on Mackinac Island, October 3, 2012.

Mr. Knight:

- Visited the Farmer's Market and noted it needs to be built back up.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Property Acquisition

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Doyle.

RESOLVED: Adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Property Acquisition.

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

No: None

Motion carried (6-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.09.151

Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.; Resumed Regular Session at 7:27 p.m.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a purchase agreement on behalf of the City for the purchase of 3625 Bald Mountain Road, property I.D. number 14-02-476-002 in the amount of \$100,000.; and adjoining vacant land with property I.D. number 14-02- 426-002 to be acquired for \$1.00. Furthermore, authorize Assistant City Manager Thomas A. Tanghe to execute all other documents related to the purchase including those necessary to close the sale. Funds for the purchase are available from the general fund, account 101.901.970.000.

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

No: None

Motion carried (6-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.09.152

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kittle, Seconded by Hammond to adjourn the regular meeting.

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

James D. McDonald, Mayor

Terri Kowal, City Clerk