



# CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

## Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2018

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**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, Knight, Moniz, and Verbeke  
Absent: Council Members Hammond and Kittle  
Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Clerk Pierce, Police Lt. Gagnon, Director of Community Development Cohen, DPW Director Melchert, Deputy DPW Director Stahly, Mgr. of Fleet & Roads Brisson, Management Assistant Intern Benoit, Media Communication Specialist Mathes

8 Guests

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. Regular City Council Minutes – April 23, 2018

**Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Moniz.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2018.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 18.05.063**

**Motion Carried (5 - 0)**

#### 5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Appointment of Jeffrey C. Baker to Chief of Police.

City Manager Tanghe presented Mr. Jeffrey C. Baker as the new Chief of Police for the City of Auburn Hills. Mr. Tanghe shared his credentials, expertise and the process that was followed to ensure the City was hiring the best qualified candidate for the City.

Mr. Baker stated that he is honored to receive the position and is excited to be working with a fantastic staff and looks forward to continuing a great relationship with the residents that is already established.

City Council members shared their excitement to have Mr. Baker on staff and look forward to the future in Auburn Hills.

**Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Verbeke.**

**RESOLVED: To appoint Jeffrey C. Baker as Chief of Police, effective June 5, 2018, under the terms and conditions of the employment agreement contained herein, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City. Furthermore, authorize the City Manager to execute a confirmed offer of employment, also with an effective date of June 5, 2018. Said appointment shall include all duties and powers as set forth by the City Charter and City Code of Ordinances, and those granted by the State of Michigan, upon being sworn-in.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 18.05.064**

**Motion Carried (5 - 0)**

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Richard Bell, 3906 Baldwin Rd, presented the STEAM Summer Camp program that will take place at Hawk Woods. Due to the success of the program last year, more days and activities have been added to this coming years agenda. The dates for the camp are June 18 – 20. To find out more information visit, [www.Kidsfirstinitiative.org](http://www.Kidsfirstinitiative.org) or 248-238-8234.

Mr. Knight donated funding for three scholarships.

Dr. Leslie Emmert–Buck, 3100 Cross Creek of Capstone Vision, shared that her office is now open and available to the public. She and her staff will be looking for ways to be involved in the City. The ribbon cutting will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup>. [www.mycapstonevision.com](http://www.mycapstonevision.com)

Randy Carter, 86 W. Yale Ave, from the Pontiac City Council speaking on behalf of Brenda Carter, shared her accomplishments and also shared that she is running for State Rep for the 29th district.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed are considered to be routine by the City council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

### 7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Tax Increment Finance Authority – April 10, 2018

7a2. Downtown Development Authority – April 16, 2018

7a3. Beautification Advisory Commission – April 18, 2018

**RESOLVED: To receive and file the Board minutes.**

### 7b. Motion – To approve the 2018 Used Car Dealers Licenses.

**RESOLVED: To approve the Used Car Lot Licenses for the 2018/2019 licensing period for A & S RV Center, Newcomb’s Auto Service, Oakland Truck and Equipment Sales, Inc., Parts Place, Inc., and Summit Place Kia.**

### 7c. Motion – To declare May, 2018 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

**RESOLVED: To adopt the attached resolution declaring May, 2018 as Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Auburn Hills. (Attachment A)**

### 7d. Motion - To approve the 2018 Medical Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grant sub-recipient agreement with Oakland County.

**RESOLVED: To approve the 2018 Medical Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grant sub-recipient agreement between Oakland County and the City of Auburn Hills and authorize the Chief of Police to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.**

### 7e. Motion - To approve 2018 Annual Street Marking Program.

**RESOLVED: To approve PK Contracting, 1965 Barret, Troy, Michigan 48084 to perform street marking services for the not-to-exceed cost of \$62,500.00. Funding is provided from Major Streets account 202-452-935.100 and Local Streets account 203-453-935.100.**

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Burmeister.

**RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 18.05.065**

**Motion Carried (5 - 0)**

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Public Hearing/Motion – To approve the resolution to rename an existing street in the City of Auburn Hills from Takata Drive to Innovation Hub.

Aaron Stahly presented the proposal to change the street name of Takata Drive to Innovation Hub. He shared that both property owners are in agreement with having the name changed.

Mr. Knight shared his opposition to the name change. He feels that the prompting of a name change should be a City decision, which is more stable than a company.

After much discussion by Council, the consensus was to make the street name change based on the focus of the City and not the name of the companies that are on that street. The name Innovation Drive was discussed.

Mayor McDaniel asked Lieutenant Gagnon if there were any concerns from the perspective of the Police Department with the name being changed to Innovation Drive or Innovation Court. The Lieutenant did not see any concerns. He stated that there were no existing streets, to his knowledge, by that name already in the City.

Mike Spitz Spisz of Joyson Safety Systems, petitioner, was present and stated that the company was neutral to the name change. They are aware that the City has the final authority to change the name and they will support that decision.

Mayor McDaniel opened the Public Hearing at 7:27PM.

Theo VanDam, 2685 Beacon Hill apt 309, cautioned City Council from making a generic name change. He also stated that further investigation should be done to ensure that there was no other street with that name.

Hearing no further comment Mayor McDaniel closed the Public Hearing at 7:29PM

**Moved by Burmeister, Seconded by Knight.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the proposed street name change from Takata Drive to Innovation Drive in accordance with the Code of Ordinances by adopting the attached resolution, subject to further investigation of staff to make sure there is not another Innovation Drive. (Attachment B)**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke  
No: None**

**Resolution No. 18.05.066**

**Motion Carried (5 - 0)**

9b. Motion – To accept the First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18, Buildings and Building Regulations, of the Auburn Hills City Code to add new Article VII, Registration of Rental or Leased Detached One-Family Homes and Set the Public Hearing for Second Reading and Adoption at the Meeting of June 11, 2018.

Mr. Cohen present the topic of the adoption of a new law regarding registration of rental homes. At the request of Council an investigation was conducted to investigate the location, number of rentals and to determine if a permit to occupy would be necessary. After investigating this information it was found that there are 600 one family rental homes and 70% of those home owners live outside the City limits. If City Council decides to adopt this new law, owners of rental homes will have until December 31<sup>st</sup> to register. If the owners of these rental homes register before November 30<sup>th</sup> the rental fee of \$250 will be waived, giving home owners five months to comply.

Mr. Cohen explained that due to the unique rental home requirements, a FAQ packet would be available for offsite owners to understand their responsibilities as rental owners. They would be required to self-inspect and maintain their property as well as obtain a permit to occupy from the City. Code enforcement would annually inspect from the Right Of Way and would not inspect inside the homes unless it is requested

by the owner, tenant or the court system. Home owners will be notified of this new law before action is taken.

**Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Moniz.**

**RESOLVED: To accept the First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18, Buildings and Building Regulations, of the Auburn Hills City Code to add new Article VII, Registration of Rental or Leased Detached One-Family Homes and Set the Public Hearing for Second Reading and Adoption at the Meeting of June 11, 2018.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke  
No: None**

**Resolution No. 18.05.067**

**Motion Carried (5 - 0)**

9c. Motion – To approve the Cost Participation Agreement Construction Opdyke Road from Auburn Road to Perry Street.

Mr. Melchert presented the need to resurface and repair Opdyke Road. He shared that the project was presented in 2014 but the funds have not been available until now. Since the road is under construction he feels that now is the time to make the necessary road repairs. Mr. Melchert shared that the project will be roughly \$7.4 million and the funding will be partly federal and county dollars. He also shared that since the road is under construction that a new water main pipe will be installed from a 12" to a 16" pipe. During this construction the walking paths will be connected as well.

**Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Verbeke.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the Cost Participation Agreement with the Board of Road Commissioners for the County of Oakland and the City of Auburn Hills for Construction of Opdyke Road, Auburn Road to Perry Street, Board Project No. 51471.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke  
No: None**

**Resolution No. 18.05.068**

**Motion Carried (5 - 0)**

9d. Motion – To approve the Cost Participation Agreement for Additional Construction on Opdyke Road over the Clinton River.

Mr. Melchert shared that grants have been awarded to help cover the cost of improving the railing on Opdyke Road over the Clinton River. There will be an additional cost of roughly \$4,270 to make the railing more decorative. The City of Pontiac will also improve their portion of this project making the railings match.

**Moved by Burmeister, Seconded by Knight.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the Cost Participation Agreement for Additional Construction on Opdyke Road Over the Clinton River with the Board of Road Commissioners for the County of Oakland Project No. 53683.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Knight, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke  
No: None**

**Resolution No. 18.05.069**

**Motion Carried (5 - 0)**

## **10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL**

Ms. Verbeke –

- Requested Staff to make sure that the Kids Initiative Summer Camp in June would not be interrupted by any other projects taking place at the Hawk Woods facility.
- Mentioned that the house on Snellbrook is almost completed with the construction but the road is rough. She questioned Mr. Melchert as to who makes the final decision that the home is completed and that the construction crews have not made any damages to the road. Mr. Melchert stated that bonds are taken in case repairs are not fixed properly and that he will look into the project.

Mr. Moniz –

- Asked Mr. Juidici to provide the updates on downtown projects. Mr. Juidici stated that the updates are going well. He stated that within the next 3-4 weeks the next phase will start with the water mains in the downtown area. There have been no major complaints. Mr. Juidici stated that the road work on Squirrel Road have had several incidents where vehicles were in the wrong lane and drove over the uncured patched work. It has since been repaired but it added a week to the time line.

Mr. Knight

- Stated that a citizen asked him why the City took out the entire lane downtown to put in a water main. Mr. Juidici explained that the existing concrete is being removed, curb to curb, and will be replaced by asphalt. The water main work, on the north half of the road, has not started yet. He explained that storm sewer work is being done during this initial phase.

Mr. Burmeister

- Shared with Lt. Gagnon that he was speaking to a resident that was pulled over. He explained that the resident knew they were guilty but was pleased that the police officer was courteous.
- Shared that he was at the viewing of the first lady of Auburn Hills, Mrs. Grusnick. He spoke with a past resident who recently visited the downtown area who commented that the City is doing a phenomenal job.

Mayor McDaniel

- Happy Mother's Day

#### **11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

#### **12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Tanghe

- Wanted to again congratulate Mr. Jeff Baker.
- Wished Council Member Hammond a speedy recovery.
- Reminded people that the ground breaking for the Amphitheater will take place on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.
- Also was at the visitation for Mrs. Grusnick and wanted to extend thoughts and prayers to the family.

#### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

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Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

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Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

**ATTACHMENT A**

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH  
MAY, 2018**

WHEREAS, mental health is important for our individual well-being and vitality, as well as that of our families, communities, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, one in five Americans experience a mental health illness that requires treatment at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, one in 10 children has a serious emotional disturbance that, if untreated, can lead to school failure, physical illness, substance use, jail and even suicide; and

WHEREAS, May 10<sup>th</sup> has been designated the National Children’s Metal Heath Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, stigma and stereotypes associated with mental illnesses often keep people from seeking treatment that could improve their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, mental illness is a biologically based brain disorder that cannot be overcome through “will power” and is not related to a defect in a person’s “character” or intelligence; and

WHEREAS, mental health recovery is a journey of healing and transformation, enabling people with a mental illness to live in a community of his or her choice while striving to achieve is or her full potential; and

WHEREAS, mental health recovery not only benefits individuals with mental health disorders by focusing on their abilities to live, work, learn, and fully participate and contribute to our society, but also enriches the culture of our community life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn Hills, in conjunction with Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) and its service provider agencies, is committed to inspiring hope, empowering people, and strengthening communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Auburn Hills hereby recognizes May, 2018 as Mental Health Month. The City of Auburn Hills calls upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses to promote recovery.

Hereby presented on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018, on behalf of the Auburn Hills City Council and its citizens.

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Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

**ATTACHMENT B**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGE FROM  
TAKATA DRIVE TO INNOVATION DRIVE**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326, at 7:00 p.m. on the 7th day of May, 2018, the following resolution was offered by Councilperson Burmeister and supported by Councilperson Knight:

WHEREAS, Joyson Safety Systems LLC has submitted a petition to rename Takata Drive to Innovation Drive; and

WHEREAS, the facility located at 2500 Takata Drive will serve as a regional headquarters for Joyson Safety Systems LLC; and

WHEREAS, correspondence has been received from Gary Tenaglia, The Hub Stadium Owner and Operator, as the remaining adjacent property tenant, indicating approval of this request; and

WHEREAS, correspondence supporting the proposed name change has been received by the City of Auburn Hills from Michael Eyde, the remaining adjacent property owner of the property currently occupied by The Hub Stadium; and

WHEREAS, support of the petition received aligns with the Vision of the City of Auburn Hills to be a community with the heart of a small town that operates with the excellence of a world class city.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills approves and authorizes the renaming of Takata Drive to Innovation Drive as requested.

AYES: 5  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: 2 (Hammond, Kittle)  
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Laura M. Pierce, the duly qualified and appointed City Clerk of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Auburn Hills City Council held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018, the original of which is on file in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Laura M. Pierce  
City Clerk