



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McDaniel at 7:13 p.m.

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Present: Mayor McDaniel, Council Members Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Marzolf, Moniz and Verbeke

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, City Attorney Roberts, City Clerk Pierce, Police Chief Baker, Fire Chief Taylor, Mgr. of Business Development Carroll, Director of Authorities Skopek, Senior Services Director Adcock, Program Coordinator Beckett, City Assessor Griffin, DPW Director Melchert, Mgr of Public Utilities Deman, Engineer Juidici, Management Intern Hagge

5 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Workshop Minutes, August 3, 2020

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Moniz.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Workshop Minutes of August 3, 2020 as presented.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 20.08.101

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

4b. City Council Meeting Minutes, August 3, 2020

Moved by Kittle, Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2020 as presented.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 20.08.102

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Introduction of Pauline Beckett, Program Coordinator/Support Services

Ms. Adcock introduced Pauline Becket as the Program Coordinator for Support Services at the Community Center. Ms. Beckett began working for the City in March and has been busy with transportation needs rentals, outreach, the CDBG program and coordinated FCA food donations.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Motion – To accept Traffic Control Order 2020-NP-01, No Parking at 3211 Auburn Road, 10 Churchill Road, and 20 Churchill Road.

RESOLVED: To adopt Traffic Control Order 2020-NP-01, prohibiting parking at 3211 Auburn Road, 10 Churchill Road, and 20 Churchill Road.

7b. Motion – To designate the Official Voting Representative to Michigan Municipal League’s Annual Meeting.

RESOLVED: To designate Stephanie Carroll, Manager of Business Development and Community Relations as the official representative to cast the vote at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Municipal League on September 29, 2020.

7c. Motion – To temporarily relocate Precincts 1 and 9 from the Public Safety Building to the Community Center.

RESOLVED: To approve the temporary relocation of Precinct 1 and Precinct 9 from the Public Safety Building to the gym at the Community Center for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 20.08.103

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Public Hearing/Motion - To approve the request for the transfer of IFEC 2015-140 to ZSi Inc, by adopting the attached resolution.

Mr. Griffin presented the application to transfer the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFEC) from Hydro-Zorb Co. to ZSi Inc. This abatement originated 8 years ago on December 31, 2015 with the Hydro-Zorb Co. and was to end December 30, 2023. This exemption is for the real property only and is located at 1751 Summit Drive. This is a full on acquisition of Hydro-Zorb to ZSi.

Mayor McDaniel opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 PM.

Hearing no public comment, the mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:26 PM.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the request for the transfer of IFEC 2015-140 to ZSi Inc, by adopting the attached resolution. (Attachment A)

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 20.08.104

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9b. Motion – To Award the Churchill-Rex Water Main Connection.

Mr. Deman presented the need for the installation of a 250 feet of 8” water main that will help to control the water pressure and flow consistency as well as to limit down time for the upcoming Auburn Road water main project this Fall. It will also help not effect emergencies in the future. He stated that Superior Excavating is currently under contract with the City to complete the water main project on West Entrance Drive and have agreed to hold their unit prices to complete the work here. He explained that originally, this project was scheduled for 2021, therefore a budget amendment is needed. The project will include the OHM scope of services, and G2 consulting material testing.

Mr. Knight pointed out the inconsistency in the amount language between OHM and G2. Mr. Beckerleg suggested the language be changed to "For a not to exceed amount" be consistent.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Moniz.

RESOLVED: To award Churchill-Rex Water Main connection contract to Superior Excavating, Inc. for \$52,207, Contract Administration and Construction Services to OHM Advisors for a not to exceed amount of \$5,650, and Materials Testing to G2 for a not to exceed amount of \$5,000. Also, to amend the 2020 Budget for \$63,587 to account 592.536.977.001.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 20.08.105

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9c. Motion – To Award the Squirrel Court Road and Sidewalk Improvements.

Mr. Deman shared the need to complete the small section of road next to Fire Station #1 between the clock tower and the new fountain circle development. This project will include the reconstitution of 350 feet of road and the addition of a pedestrian pathway to connect the development to the downtown area. This project will also upgrade the road from a Class B to a Class A road. The contractor has agreed to honor and hold their current pricing for the City's portion of the road. A budget amendment to the road portion of the parkways build is needed to cover the anticipated expenses.

Mr. Knight questioned if this will be completed within the next 60 days. Mr. Moniz asked if this will help to solve the drainage issues in that part of the road. Mr. Juidici explained that the existing drainage system will see no substantial changes to the underground piping. He did state that there will be adjustments to the curbing so the water that is collected will no longer occur and several catch basins are also being added. The project should be completed within the next 60 days.

Mr. Marzolf complimented staff for the inclusion of the sidewalk on the South side of the road and stated that he enjoys seeing the City more pedestrian friendly.

Ms. Verbeke stated that the language should follow the previous motion to include "For a not to exceed amount".

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Marzolf.

RESOLVED: To award the Squirrel Court road and sidewalk improvements to Nagle Paving in the amount of \$223,558.75, construction engineering and administrative services to OHM Advisors in the not to exceed amount of \$17,920, and material testing to G2 Consulting services for a not to exceed amount of \$5,000. Also, to amend the Local Roads Fund, adding \$89,956.25 to the respective project code 203-453-973-PARKWAYSBLVD.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 20.08.106

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Kittle – Commented that he is pleased that Fieldstone is seeing a good number of golfers. He stated that a lot of progress has been made and recommended a year-end wrap up meeting to look at the projects after Labor Day.

Mr. Moniz – Commented on the excellent job the Police Department is doing with keeping the streets clean. He is pleased to know the message being sent is that Auburn Hills is not going to tolerate crime.

Mr. Knight – Shared the upcoming event, Steak and Burger on September 15, 2020 and hopes people will support this activity. He commented on how the City is opening up in the sense that people are around and are acting in accordance to the social distancing rules. People are wearing masks and are being courteous. He shared that people are acting wisely in the community and that it is a credit to the community.

Mr. Marzolf – Complimented the staff in the Community Development Department for staying with the project at Primary Place and making sure that the Clinton River Trail is being fixed and repaired correctly.

Ms. Verbeke – Commented that the tennis courts look great. She appreciated “Cool off with the Cops” event that was in their neighborhood. It was great to see the community coming together and it gave her a chance to meet new neighbors. She shared that the Beautification Award event will be different this year than in the past. They are ordering signs and will be passed out with a certificate from Council thanking the people for helping to keep Auburn Hills looking great.

Mr. Burmeister – Echoed comments about Police joint cooperation with other departments and how it raises great awareness for the subject of human trafficking. He is pleased to see activity at 3250 Auburn Rd and the progress it is making.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:49 PM.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

**CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
RESOLUTION
APPROVING A TRANSFER
OF AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
2015-140
FOR ZSi INC**

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 MI 48326 at 7:00 p.m. on the **17th day of August, 2020**.

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Knight and supported by Councilperson Verbeke :

WHEREAS, Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate for **1751 Summit Dr.** was approved by the State Tax Commission for a period of 8 years with an ending date of December 30, 2023, and

WHEREAS, **ZSi INC.** has leased the facility at **1751 Summit Dr.**, and has requested that the City of Auburn Hills approve a transfer of the **real property portion** of Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate **2015-140**, and

WHEREAS, the Clerk has notified in writing the Assessor of the City of Auburn Hills which levies ad valorem property tax within the City of Auburn Hills and given notice to the general public so that they shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard at this public hearing to determine whether the transfer of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate shall be approved or disapproved; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing having been held on the **17th day of August, 2020** at a regularly scheduled meeting; and

WHEREAS, comments on the transfer of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate were heard and considered; and

WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the city of Auburn Hills after granting this certificate **will exceed 5%** of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property exempted.

WHEREAS, it is hereby found and determined by the City of Auburn Hills Council that the transfer of the **real property portions** of Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate **2015-140** to **ZSi INC** is proper under the provisions of Public Act 198, of 1974 as amended, and the granting of the transfer considered

together with the aggregate amounts of other tax abatements granted will not impair the financial soundness of the tax units, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the application for transfer of the real property portions of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate **2015-140** to **ZSi INC** is hereby approved.

The City Council of Auburn Hills finds and determines that granting of this Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, together with the aggregate amount of the certificates previously granted and currently in force, under PA 198 of 1974 and PA 255 of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operating of the City of Auburn Hills, or of impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies an ad valorem property tax in the City of Auburn Hills.

AYES: 7
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) SS

COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and appointed 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 City Council held on the **17th day of August, 2020** the original of which is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this **18th, day of August, 2020**.

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk