



# CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

## Regular City Council Meeting

May 3, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor McDaniel at 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Virtual Meeting through Microsoft Teams, <https://bit.ly/AH-May03-CC>

Present: Mayor McDaniel (Auburn Hills, MI), Council Members Burmeister (Rochester, MI), Kittle (Maricopa Co, AZ), Knight (Auburn Hills, MI), Marzolf (Auburn Hills, MI), Moniz (Fort Myers, FL), and Verbeke (Auburn Hills, MI)

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Clerk Pierce, Assistant to the City Manager Skopek, Police Chief Baker, Deputy Police Chief Gagnon, Senior Services Director Adcock, Community Development Director Cohen, Deputy DPW Director Stahly, Engineer Juidici

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Meeting Minutes, April 19, 2021

**Moved by Kittle, Seconded by Verbeke.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Minutes of April 19, 2021.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 21.05.062**

**Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

#### 5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. OU HOP-UP PT Program Update Presentation

Ms. Adcock introduced Dr. Chris Wilson and Dr. Sara Arena assistant professors at Oakland University. They explained the success of the early intervention program and hope to make this a nationwide program.

#### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

#### 7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Tax Increment Finance Authority, April 13, 2021

7a2. Downtown Development Authority, April 13, 2021

7a3. TIFA/DDA Joint Meeting, April 13, 2021

7a4. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, April 20, 2021

**RESOLVED: To receive and file the Board and Commission Minutes.**

7b. Motion –To approve the 2021 Memorial Day Parade.

**RESOLVED: To approve the 2021 Auburn Hills America Legion Post 143 Memorial Day Parade to include temporary road closures in the downtown area. Furthermore, the City shall purchase and provide the main entrees and condiments for the picnic.**

7c. Motion – To approve the 2021 Used Car Dealers Licenses.

**RESOLVED: To approve the Used Car Lot Licenses for the 2021 licensing period for A & S RV Center, Newcomb's Auto Service, Oakland Truck and Equipment Sales, Inc., and Summit Place Kia.**

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

**RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 21.05.063**

**Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9a. Motion – To approve the Mental Health Co-Response Team Interlocal Agreement.**

Chief Baker presented a new program that will address calls for service that help individuals or families that are struggling with mental health issues. This program includes partnerships with Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN, formerly the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority), Birmingham PD, and Bloomfield Township PD and will greatly improve the responses to these calls.

Chief Mark Clemence, Birmingham PD, Chief Phil Langmeyer, Bloomfield Twp. PD, Cathie Yunker, Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN), Christina Nicholas, OCHN and Siiri Sikora, OCHN were present in the virtual meeting.

Deputy Chief Gagnon presented the proposal. He stated that steps need to be taken to reduce the stigma of mental illnesses and that 10% of calls for service involve someone living with a mental illness. After looking at programs across the State this program would be one of a kind that involves three communities partnering with Community Mental Health to assist the residents properly. He commented that the three communities would contract a mental health clinical/social worker exclusively assigned to the three communities through OCHN. The three communities would include Bloomfield Township, Birmingham and Auburn Hills. The social worker will follow up with calls after the involvement from the department. This position will be a pipeline to the County and their services with the intention that residents will receive immediate help. The social worker would be an OCHN employee but the partners in the interlocal agreement will sit in on the interview selection panel. This person will also train 100% of the staff in a crisis intervention team training. They will have access to all three community record management systems for follow up, tracking calls and to properly follow up with family members. This person will be mobile and free to move across the three communities.

This program will improve the calls for service through tracking and conducting evaluations of the program. After twelve months of data collection, the information will be evaluated. The information will look at what is actually being done, repetitive calls for service for the same person or the same address and if the types of calls are being reduced.

Several grants are being looked at to fund this program. If grant funding is not available, the intention is to share equal cost for contracting the social worker. Bloomfield Township board of Trustees has approved this project. Birmingham will receive the information on Monday May 10. This is one of ten projects Representative Haley Stevens has identified and intends to help move through the appropriations committee for federal funding. Approval of the agreement would potentially require reallocating funding for 2021 to support the launch of this program.

**Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Burmeister.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the Mental Health Co-response Team Interlocal Agreement, approve the re-allocation of Police funds to cover the 2021 expense for the program knowing that other funding opportunities may be awarded in the future, and authorize the Chief of Police to sign said agreement.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 21.05.064**

**Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

9b. Motion - To authorize the procurement and installation of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Improvements for 2021.

Mr. Stahly presented for the HVAC Improvements. The item did go out to bid and it was recommend to award the work in divisions.

**Moved by Kittle, Seconded by Marzolf.**

**RESOLVED: To authorize the procurement and installation of 15 heating, ventilation, and air conditioning improvements for 2021 to various vendors as indicated in the memorandum and in the amount of \$104,510.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 21.05.065**

**Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

9c. Motion – To accept the first reading of an ordinance to amend Article II, Streets, of Chapter 62, Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Places of the Auburn Hills City Code and set for Public Hearing and second reading/adoption on May 17, 2021.

Mr. Cohen shared photos and stated that the City does not have an ordinance to address the condition of the dust/debris nuisance on the roads. The proposed ordinance would give Code Enforcement and the Police Department a mechanism to work with the property owners or truck drivers to address the issue of dragging debris onto public roads, rights of way or alleys. The intent is not to be a punitive type of law but rather to work with people to stop the nuisance violation.

Chief Baker stated that they will be coordinating with Code Enforcement to make sure the spills are being enforced. The goal is to get the businesses and residents to follow the rules.

Mayor McDaniel stated that he appreciates that Code Enforcement will be working with people first to give them a chance to clean up the issue.

Attorney Beckerleg stated that this provides clarity to Ordinance 34-179 which prohibits certain deposits in the streets. People should not be using the street as a staging area, they need to use their own property. If someone did deposit something in the street, Code Enforcement would work with them to come up with a prompt solution to the problem.

**Moved by Knight, Seconded by Marzolf.**

**RESOLVED: To accept the First Reading of an Ordinance to amend Article II, Streets, of Chapter 62, Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Places of the Auburn Hills City Code and Set for Public Hearing and Second Reading / Adoption at the Meeting of May 17, 2021.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 21.05.066**

**Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

**10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL**

Mr. Kittle – He commented that he appreciated the joint meeting between DDA and TIFA. There were some tough issues being presented and items were handled very well.

Mr. Marzolf – He shared he attended the Earth Day and Arbor Day City events. He appreciated all the effort that went into those events.

Mr. Knight – He commented that he was pleased to see the item regarding the mental health topic. He feels this is going to be a great cooperation today and in the future. He provided follow up to the Veterans Memorial. It was shared that \$27,000 has been raised however the bids for the project came in higher than expected. ~~Therefore, the project is on hold until the Fall or early Spring.~~ The Committee has agreed they do not want to use the bids that were submitted. Looking at alternate ways to accomplish the project. He congratulated Andrew Hagee on his promotion to the management team.

Mr. Moniz – He congratulate Mr. Tanghe on his 20 years of service with the City of Auburn Hills. He appreciates how he has moved the City forward on situations.

Mr. Burmeister – He also congratulated Mr. Tanghe as well and is very happy that he is here. He shared the passing of Barb Ross and passed on condolences to the family.

Mayor McDaniel – He also shared congratulations to Mr. Tanghe and he appreciates the dedication that has been shown over the past 20 years.

**11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

**12. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Tanghe – He commented that it remains to be an honor and privilege to serve the City of Auburn Hills.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no objections, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.

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Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

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Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk