



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

Regular City Council Meeting

August 16, 2021

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

LOCATION: Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills MI

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Clerk Pierce, Assistant to the City Manager Skopek, Police Chief Baker, DPW Director Melchert, Mgr of Public Utilities Deman, Mgr of Roads & Fleet Hefner, Mgr of Municipal Properties Baldante, Parks Supervisor Torres, Finance Director/Treasurer Schulz, Deputy Finance Director/Deputy Treasurer Farmer, Management Assistant Hagge, Engineer Cousino

13 Guests

The Workshop Session to discuss the proposed 2022 Budget was cancelled.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, August 2, 2021.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2021.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 21.08.113

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Library Millage Presentation, presented by Lawrence Marble, Library Director; Christina Bowers, Marketing Coordinator; Renee Holden, Information Services Coordinator; Erin Look, Youth Services Coordinator.

Mr. Marble, Library Director, presented the millage request which will be placed on the November ballot. This is the first time in thirty years that a millage has been requested. The 0.2976 mill would not exceed ten years. It was mentioned that the youth and community are the key factors to keeping the library sustainable.

5b. Continental Automotive Update on Smart City Initiative, presented by Ken Gollinger, Project Manager for Intelligent Infrastructure Projects.

Mr. Skopek introduced Mr. Ken Gollinger of Intelligent Infrastructure Projects. Mr. Gollinger provided an update to the intelligent intersection system, a wrong way driver detection and alert system that has been a pilot program for three years. It was stated that this system is not designed to detect drivers or help alert drivers that are impaired.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tacks Douglas of 3695 South Blvd requested information concerning his property.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Verbeke removed Item 7d (Budget Amendment for Hawk Woods Park Improvements) from the Consent Agenda.

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

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

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

7b. Motion – To approve the scope of engineering services for the design of Five Points Drive and Corporate Drive Road Reconstruction.

RESOLVED: To approve the OHM Scope of Engineering Services for Design of Five Points Drive and Corporate Drive at a cost not-to-exceed \$130,000, and geotechnical services from G-2, Inc. for an estimated \$10,000 to be paid from the Major and Local Roads Fund.

7c. Motion - To approve the purchase of a John Deere Tractor.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a John Deere 4066R Compact Utility Tractor from Tri County Equipment, Inc. under the MiDEAL contract #071B7700085 for a total of \$46,041. Funding for the purchase is available via account number 661-594-977.000.

7e. Motion – To amend the 2021 Appropriations in the General Fund and Golf Fund related to the Energy Reduction Coalition.

RESOLVED: To amend the General fund departments and Golf fund with the reductions shown above to reflect the elimination of payments to the Energy Reduction Coalition for the remainder of the year.

7f. Motion – To amend the 2021 budget to reflect the 2021 bond proceeds and move the 2021 bond projects to the Capital Improvements fund.

RESOLVED: To amend the General fund departments, Major Roads fund, Local Roads fund, Golf fund, and Capital Improvements fund as shown above to reflect the 2021 bond proceeds received and to move the budgets related to the 2021 bond projects to the Capital Improvements fund.

7g. Motion – To proclaim September 11-17, 2021 as Patriot Week and September 11, 2021 as Patriot Day.

RESOLVED: To proclaim September 11-17, 2021 as Patriot Week and September 11, 2021 as Patriot Day in the City of Auburn Hills. (Attachment A)

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 21.08.114

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

7d. Motion – To amend the 2021 budget by increasing funding for Hawk Woods Park improvements.

Mr. Burmeister left at 8:02 PM.

Ms. Verbeke removed this item not because she was not concerned with the items that were presented but, to discuss the gate that has been discussed in the past and not yet installed. Mr. Torres clarified that a main gate was not currently on the plans for improvement. Ms. Verbeke shared that due to people renting camping spaces, the City should provide safety and protect the investment of Hawk Woods Lodge. It was discussed that there are interior gates that lead to and from the main gate. A solution would be to better utilize the interior gates to provide the safety that was mentioned. Mayor McDaniel shared that there have been previous discussions and a main gate was not the direction to go right now due to the

logistical challenges of it and the fact that other parks have bigger issues and there is no discussion on gating those spaces.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To amend the 2021 budget by increasing Park Maintenance expenditures by \$49,644 in G/L 101-770-931.001-HAWKWOODS to fund projects within the Hawk Woods Park & Campground.

VOTE: Yes: Hawkins, Kittle, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 21.08.115

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To authorize procurement of Cartegraph Asset Management Software.

Mr. Deman presented the consideration for a new Asset Management Software which would help to mainstream the daily activities of the operators in the field as well as the office staff. He shared that the lack of flexibility of the current program has led to frustration with the crews in the field. The old system is a county wide system and has caused confusion.

Mr. Deman shared that this new system will be able to streamline templates and work orders exactly the way that works best for the crews in the field. DPW has shared their frustrations with Cartegraph and they are able to provide a system that eases those frustrations.

Omar Chaudhry, VP of Customer Success at Cartegraph was present in the meeting.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To authorize procurement of Cartegraph asset management software for the first-year cost commitment of \$59,060.37, and subscription renewal cost of \$28,485.37 for years 2 and 3. Funding for this purchase was budgeted as part of the 2021 Adopted Annual Budget and is available via GL#592-536-814.000 and GL#595-535-814.000 respectfully.

VOTE: Yes: Hawkins, Kittle, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 21.08.116

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Marzolf – He thanked Karen Adcock for her recruitment efforts at the concert series. He asked for an update on the Primary Place development. Mr. Tanghe mentioned that it may be time to take some type of action.

Mr. Knight – He reported that with regards to the Auburn Road project, they have finished laying the topcoat and the east end needs to be stripped but the road is capped. He shared his concern with the Primary Place pathway. He stated that the pathway may need to be closed if it becomes dangerous. He questioned the rumor that the church downtown was sold to a nonprofit and it would have to be rezoned. Mr. Tanghe shared that there is a transaction in the works.

Mr. Kittle – He asked for an update on the Bald Mountain Road project. It was shared that it is slated for a reconstruct 2022.

Mayor McDaniel – He congratulated Mr. Jason Hefner for his promotion to Manager of Roads and Fleet in the DPW.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Tanghe – He asked Chief Baker to discuss the growing problem with drag racing.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT A



PROCLAMATION

**PATRIOT WEEK
SEPTEMBER 11 - 17, 2021**

WHEREAS, throughout our country's history, the people of our great state and nation have worked together to ensure the preservation of the American ideals of freedom and liberty we enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, American patriotism has endured through times of turmoil and times of peace, carrying our nation through the darkest days of history and strengthening our commitment to the ideals upon which our country was founded; and

WHEREAS, in great reverence to the victims of the attacks on September 11, 2001, and recognition of the signing of the Constitution on September 17, 1787, Patriot week is a time to celebrate the principles set forth by our Founding Fathers as well as the countless Patriots, vital documents, speeches, and flags that helped make America the great nation it is today.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Kevin McDaniel, Mayor of Auburn Hills, do hereby proclaim September 11 - 17, 2021 as PATRIOT WEEK and September 11, 2021, as PATRIOT DAY throughout the City and encourage all residents to renew their appreciation and understanding of America's spirit and reflect on the importance of patriotism to America's past, present, and future.

Hereby presented on this 16th day of August, 2021, on behalf of the Auburn Hills City Council.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor