



# CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

## City Council Workshop

### Minutes

July 12, 2021

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor McDaniel at 5:30 PM  
**LOCATION:** Public Safety Building, 1899 N. Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326  
Present: Mayor McDaniel, Council Members Hawkins, Kittle, Knight, Marzolf, and Verbeke  
Absent: Council Member Burmeister  
Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Clerk Pierce, Assistant to the City Manager Skopek, Police Chief Baker, Fire Chief Taylor, Assistant Fire Chief Robinson, Captain Strunk, DPW Director Melchert, City Engineer Juidici, Management Assistant Hagge

The topic of the workshop was "Fire Department Facility Improvements".

Mr. Grice and Capt. Strunk explained the needs assessment and analysis done for each station. Emphasis was placed on response time from each station based on the County and National standards. It was determined that the current stations are sufficiently located, therefore stations do not need to be relocated or added.

The review of the existing buildings determined that renovations are needed for better functionality and to fix the deficits. In addition, health and safety components, future growth, and regional response were also considered.

It was recommended that the existing buildings at Stations 1 & 3 be renovated in 2022. Because the construction costs are currently high, it was recommended that the City consider renovations to Station 2 in 2023 which include remodeling the administration area and building an addition to the station portion of the building.

City Council discussed the recommended renovations and future staffing needs. Chief Taylor explained that as the population ages, the department is seeing an increase in call volume. In addition, the call volume will increase as development increases. Mr. Tanghe explained that the next step in the process is to develop an RFP for architectural services.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

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Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

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Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk