



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

Regular City Council Meeting

April 5, 2021

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

LOCATION: Virtual Meeting through Microsoft Teams, <https://bit.ly/AH-Apr05-CC>

Present: Mayor McDaniel (Auburn Hills, MI), Council Members Burmeister (Auburn Hills, MI), Kittle (Auburn Hills, MI), Knight (Auburn Hills, MI), Marzolf (Auburn Hills, MI), Moniz (Auburn Hills, MI), and Verbeke (St. Augustine, FL)

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, City Attorney Beckerleg, Deputy Clerk Klassen, Assistant to the City Manager Skopek, Fire Chief Taylor, Police Chief Baker, DPW Director Melchert, Mgr of Public Utilities Deman, Mgr of Municipal Properties Torres, Engineer Juidici

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Workshop Minutes, March 15, 2021

Moved by Mr. Kittle, Seconded by Mr. Burmeister

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Workshop Minutes of March 15, 2021.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 21.04.048

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

4b. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, March 15, 2021

Moved by Mr. Moniz, Seconded by Mr. Marzolf

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2021.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 21.04.049

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda:

- Item 7e (To approve the purchase of two police vehicles) removed by Mr. Mr. Knight.
- Item 7f (To approve the purchase of meters for the Oakland Estates Mobil Home Park) removed by Mayor McDaniel.
- Item 7g (To approve a proclamation designating April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in the City of Auburn Hills) removed by Mr. Marzolf.
- Item 7h. (To approve the Dispatch Agreement with Oakland County for the period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024) removed by Mr. Moniz.

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Downtown Development Authority Information Meeting, March 8, 2021

7a2. Downtown Development Authority, March 8, 2021

7a3. Tax Increment Finance Authority, March 9, 2021

7a4. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, March 16, 2021

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

7b. Motion - To approve the purchase of a Michigan CAT 430 Backhoe.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a 2021 Michigan CAT 430 Backhoe from Michigan CAT, Shelby Township, Michigan under the MiDEAL contract # 071B770084 for a total of \$135,414.74. Funding for this purchase will be provided from the Fleet Management Account # 661-442-977.000.

7c. Motion – To approve the purchase of a replacement Tandem Axle Dump Truck.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a tandem axle cab and chassis from Wolverine Freightliner Eastside, Mt. Clemens, Michigan in the amount of \$102,163.00, and the truck build from Truck & Trailer Specialists, Howell, Michigan in the amount of \$108,130.00 for a total of \$210,293.00. Funding is provided from the 2021 Fleet Management Account # 661-442-981.000.

7d. Motion – To approve the purchase of a Super Z Mower FX1000.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a Kawasaki Super Z FX1000 through the Sourcewell bid contract #85050 from Munn Tractor & Lawn Inc. Auburn Hills, Michigan in the amount of \$10,583.00. Funding for this purchase will be provided from the Fleet Machinery and Equipment Account # 661-442-977.000.

Moved by Mr. Knight, Seconded by Ms. Verbeke

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 21.04.050

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

7e. Motion – To approve the purchase of two police vehicles.

In response to a question by Mr. Knight, Chief Baker stated that the new vehicles will be used by the detective bureau and will not have the same equipment as the patrol vehicles.

Moved by Mr. Knight, Seconded by Mr. Burmeister

RESOLVED: RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of the 2021 Dodge Durango SXT AWD for \$27,349.00 and the 2021 Dodge RAM 1500 SXT 4x4 for \$25,430.00 for a total of \$52,779.00 from Lafontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram FIAT in Lansing Michigan. Funding for these vehicles will come from the Fleet Management Account # 661-442-981.000.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 21.04.051

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

7f. Motion – To approve the purchase of meters for the Oakland Estates Mobil Home Park.

Mayor McDaniel removed this item to see if an administrative fee is to be added or if this will go against the consent judgement. Mr. Melchert stated that this item is strictly for the purchase of the meters at the cost that is in the motion. DPW will be collecting the cost, plus the administrative fee. The consent judgment speaks to the cost of the meter and the time from DPW can be included.

It was clarified that the park will be installing the meters and that the consent judgement states that the City does have the right to inspections. Mr. Melchert stated that DPW will be programming the MIUs that are used to read the usage of the meter and that inspections will take place at that time.

Moved by Mr. Moniz, Seconded by Mr. Knight

RESOLVED: To purchase Water Meters from ETNA Supply in the Amount of \$27,600. Funds are available from Account 592.536.770.000.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 21.04.052

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

7g. Motion – To approve a proclamation designating April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in the City of Auburn Hills.

Mr. Marzolf thanked the Community for taking care of the trees in the City.

Moved by Mr. Marzolf, Seconded by Mr. Knight

RESOLVED: To approve a proclamation designating April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in the City of Auburn Hills. (Attachment A)

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 21.04.053

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

7h. Motion – To approve the Dispatch Agreement with Oakland County for the period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024.

Mr. Moniz removed this item to clarify the quality of dispatch services with Oakland County. Chief Baker and Chief Taylor stated that there have been issues with the dispatch services but nothing out of the ordinary. They also stated that dispatch has been very receptive when there is an issue. Chief Taylor stated that the radio towers have several issues. She stated that the current system is old and needs to be upgraded.

Mr. Burmeister asked if the current radios are in need of upgrades. Chief Baker stated the radio system is going through an upgrade and they will be replaced with Motorola radios. The original purchase will be made through the County and the City will be responsible for any additional costs.

Moved by Mr. Moniz, Seconded by Mr. Burmeister

RESOLVED: To approve the 2021 – 2024 Police and Fire Dispatch Service Agreement between County of Oakland and City of Auburn Hills for the period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2024, under the terms and conditions contained in the agreement; and authorize the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City. Furthermore, amend the police and fire budgets as directed herein.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Moniz, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 21.04.054

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Kittle – He shared his concerns with the Oakland Landfill and he wants to ensure they are not exceeding the height limit.

Mr. Marzolf – He stated that the development at Primary Place is going well and it is nice to see it progressing. He also wanted to compliment the work of Code Enforcement. He was pleased with the recent report that was provided.

Mr. Knight – He mentioned that he would like to start meeting in person again. He stated that the financial donations for the Veteran’s Memorial is just short of \$20,000. He also commented that he would like the

City to purchase an electric car. He shared that this is the car of the future and he would like to map out a plan to have many electric cars in the City fleets.

Mr. Moniz – He mentioned that he also would like to start meeting in person. Mr. Tanghe stated that the decision is ultimately up to City Council. Mr. Tanghe shared that the Beaumont report shows the number of Covid cases continue to increase, the hospitals are starting to become full again and the positivity rate is up as well. He suggested that the statistics be watched and that City Council would be cautious when making the decision. Mayor McDaniel stated that based on the Executive Orders, there is a type of hybrid method that would need to be followed for in person meetings. The Mayor would encourage virtual meetings until all persons are comfortable with meeting in person while the Covid rates continue to rise. Mr. Moniz also asked Chief Baker about the Body Worn cameras. Chief Baker reported that the patrol officers wear them at all times and activate the camera anytime there is interaction.

Mr. Burmeister – He shared that he is pleased to see the progress that is taking place downtown.

Mayor McDaniel – He reported that Arbor Day is April 30, 2021 at Parkways Boulevard, and Earth Day April 22, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Parkways Boulevard.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Tanghe – He thanked Borg Warner Corporation for their charitable donation of \$8,400.00 toward the planting of 24 trees at Parkways Boulevard. There is less advertisement than normal due to being able to social distance properly. He reported that on April 12, 2021 the new Parks Division will begin operations under the Recreation Department. This will align and support the growing number of programs and amenities of the Park system, this is a reallocation of personnel. He also shared that the county is planning on receiving funding from the Federal Government and they are looking to share a portion of that funding with various municipalities. The City is currently working on a list of needs that will be provided to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners regarding the funding for projects regarding infrastructure investment, social and wellness programs, and health and safety, details are still be worked out.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Kristine M. Klassen, Deputy Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF DESIGNATION OF FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021 AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW THEREFORE, the Auburn Hills City Council does hereby proclaim April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day in the City of Auburn Hills, and urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, the Auburn Hills City Council urges all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Signed this 5th day of April, 2021, at the City of Auburn Hills

Mayor Kevin R. McDaniel

Mayor Pro-Tem John Burmeister

Council Member Ron Moniz

Council Member Brian Marzolf

Council Member Henry Knight

Council Member Robert Kittle

Council Member Cheryl Verbeke