



The City of Auburn Hills
City Council Meeting
Minutes

May 9, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McDaniel at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Present: Mayor McDaniel, Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell, Council Members Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Verbeke
Absent: Council Member Hammond
Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, Police Lt. McDonnell, Fire Chief Manning, City Clerk Kowal, Finance Director/Treasurer Schulz, DPW Director Melchert, City Assessor Lohmeier, Mgr. of Public Utilities Michling, Management Assistant Harris, City Engineer Juidici, City Attorney Beckerleg
4 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. Regular City Council – April 25, 2016

Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To approve the April 25, 2016 City Council meeting minutes as amended.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 16.05.071

Motion Carried (6–0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Motion – Reappointment to TIFA – Patrick Hassett

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: to confirm the reappointment of Patrick Hassett to the Tax Increment Finance Authority Board of Directors for a term ending February 28, 2020.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 16.05.072

Motion Carried (6–0)

5b. Motion – Reappointment to Election Commission – Terry Carpenter

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To confirm the reappointment of Terry Carpenter to the Election Commission for a term ending December 31, 2019.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 16.05.073

Motion Carried (6–0)

5c. Motion – Reappointment to Election Commission – Jack Brocklebank

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To confirm the reappointment of Jack Brocklebank to the Election Commission for a term ending December 31, 2019.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 16.05.074

Motion Carried (6–0)

5d. Motion – Reappointment to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – Michelle Hawley

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To confirm the reappointment of Michelle Hawley to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors for a term ending December 31, 2018.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 16.05.075

Motion Carried (6–0)

5e. Motion – Reappointment to Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – Larry Douglas

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To confirm the reappointment of Larry Douglas to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors for a term ending December 31, 2018.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 16.05.076

Motion Carried (6–0)

5f. Motion – Appointment to TIFA – Robert Waltenspiel

Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Robert Waltenspiel to the Tax Increment Finance Authority Board of Directors for a term ending February 28, 2019.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 16.05.077

Motion Carried (6–0)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Burchfield, 2104 Richwood Road, is concerned with the new business at the corner of University Drive and Pontiac Road, Domino's Pizza. In the past, there had been a Domino's Pizza in that same location who used Richwood Road frequently and did not obey the speed limits. With Jimmy John's moving into the area as well, the traffic on Richwood Road has increased. There is concern with the residents, that the same practice is going to take place with the new Domino's Pizza, accessing Burchfield and exceeding the speed limit. He is asking that City Officials remind management of Domino's Pizza that speed limits must be followed as well as Richwood, being for local deliveries only, not as a cut-through. He would also like to have signage placed at either end of Richwood, stating no through traffic.

Mayor McDaniel stated the City Manager will discuss the matter with the Police Chief and seek a resolution.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a.1. Pension Board – April 13, 2016

7a.2. Retiree Health Care – April 13, 2016

7a.3. Beautification Advisory Commission – April 20, 2016

7b. Motion – Approve Renewal of Contract for Oakland County Equalization Division Assistance

RESOLVED: To approve the 2016-2019 Contract for Oakland County Equalization Division Assistance Services with the City of Auburn Hills, personal property services.

7c. Motion – Approve 2016/2017 Used Car Lot License Renewals

RESOLVED: To approve renewal of Used Car Lot Licenses for the 2016/2017 licensing period for A & S RV Center, Newcomb's Service, Inc., Oakland Truck and Equipment Sales, Inc., and Parts Place, Inc.

7d. Motion – Accept First Quarter Investment Report – Asset Strategies

RESOLVED: To receive and file Asset Strategies 2016 1st Quarter Aggregate Cash Management report, Executive Summary Table and Investment Performance Evaluation Conclusions.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Mitchell, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 16.05.078

Motion Carried (6–0)

8. OLD BUSINESS

8a. Motion – Public Hearing/Motion – Adopt Ordinance for Consumers Energy

Mr. Beckerleg explained Consumers Energy has had a contract with the City since the 1980's. A new contract must be adopted as required by City Charter. The new contract, which is an ordinance, will be effective for ten years, the maximum number of years allowed by ordinance.

Ms. Verbeke asked what would happen if this ordinance was not approved.

Mr. Beckerleg explained Consumers Energy could discontinue supplying gas to Auburn Hills' residents.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To adopt Ordinance # 16-877, Consumer's Energy Gas Supply Franchise Ordinance for a term of ten years, upon all requirements being satisfied, as determined by City Attorney Derk Beckerleg.

Hearing no comment, Mayor McDaniel opened and closed the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Mitchell, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 16.05.079

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

8b. Public Hearing/Motion – Adopt Ordinance to Amend City Ordinance Chapter 70, Article VII, Division 2-Parking Violations Bureau

Mayor McDaniel noted there are no further comments from the Police Department regarding this ordinance amendment.

Mayor McDaniel opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m., and hearing no comment closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To adopt Ordinance 16-875 to amend City Ordinance Chapter 70, Article VII, Division 2 – Parking Violations Bureau, of the City of Auburn Hills Code of Ordinances, as amended, to Amend Section 70-361 – Parking Offenses; Fines.

Mr. Knight stated he will vote against this amendment, believing there are better ways of enforcing the parking, including closing the parking garage at 2:00 a.m., when the bars close. Anybody parking in the garage after 2:00 a.m., or whatever the designated closing time, should be by parking permit only. Overnight parking without a parking permit should be prohibited in the garage; plenty of overnight parking is available on the street.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Mitchell, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: Knight

Resolution No. 16.05.080

Motion Carried (5 - 1)

8c. Public Hearing/Motion – Adopt Ordinance to Amend Chapter 58 (Special Assessment Districts)

Mr. Beckerleg explained this ordinance amendment will allow the City to contribute up to 50% of a special assessment project, up from the current maximum 20%.

Ms. Mitchell asked for clarification, that the City's contribution can be from 0% up to 50%.

Mr. Beckerleg confirmed that is true.

Hearing no comment, Mayor McDaniel opened and closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To adopt Ordinance No. 16-876, an ordinance to amend section 58-2, Power, of Chapter 58, Special Assessments, of the Auburn Hills City Code, as amended, to provide with respect to the special assessment for local road construction or improvements, that no more than fifty percent (50%) of the cost of said local road construction or improvements shall be borne by the City at large.

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Mitchell, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 16.05.081

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

8d. Motion – Approve Bloomfield Orchard Pipe Bursting

Mr. Michling explained this request is to award the bid and engineering services for the seventh and final phase of the Bloomfield Orchard pipe bursting project that began in 2003. There has been an addition to the contract, 'Crew Days', which Mr. Juidici will explain.

Mr. Juidici explained the contract addition of 'Crew Days', will help keep costs under control. Crew Days isn't anything new, a number of communities include this in a contract. The contractor bids the anticipated number of days the project will take, which makes the contractor accountable for their own schedule. Each day past the anticipated number of days will be charged against the contractor.

Mr. Knight noted this has been an ongoing project over a number of years and asked if the technology has changed since the project first began.

Mr. Juidici explained this phase of the project uses the same type of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) piping that was used in the first phase. He confirmed the realistic life expectancy of this pipe is 50 years; however, the manufacturer suggests 100 years. The pipe size throughout most of the project is eight inches, though a few of the pipes are 12 inches in diameter.

Mr. Michling continued explaining the current cast iron pipes will be replaced with high-density polyethylene (HDPE) piping, as well as replacing all fire hydrants and gate valves. The only concrete work done will be what is impacted by the pipe bursting. The majority of the road maintenance has been deferred, combining it with the larger scope of City wide 2017 concrete maintenance, to achieve volume pricing discounts.

This project involves Ashburnham from Hempstead to Old Salem; Hempstead from Ashburnham to Hamlet; Old Salem from Ashburnham to Provincetown; and Provincetown from Hempstead to Old Salem.

Of the four bids that were received, Midwest Trenchless Services, LLC, Whitehall, Michigan, is the low bidder, at \$1,149,560.

Engineering services for this project include construction staking, observation, engineering, administration, and geotechnical services, for the not-to-exceed amount of \$102,800 for OHM and an estimated \$4,000 for TEC. There is \$1.75 million budgeted in the 2016 Water Fund for this project.

Mr. Michling confirmed for Mr. Knight, as implied by the name, Trenchless, there will be minimal digging.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: approve the award of the Bloomfield Orchards Water Main Replacement Project to Midwest Trenchless Services, LLC 3129 Benston Rd. Whitehall, Michigan 49461 in the amount of \$1,149,560.00. Engineering services for the not to exceed amount of \$102,800.00 to OHM Advisors and material testing fees in the estimated amount of \$4,000.00 to Testing Engineering and Consultants. Funding provided from account number (592-536-977.001-BMLORCHWTRMN).

VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Kittle, Knight, Mitchell, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: None

9. NEW BUSINESS – none

10. COMMENTS AND MOTION FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Kittle:

- He is looking forward to attending the North Squirrel Road walk through this week, asking if the project will be done. Mr. Melchert stated the landscape is very close to being completed, but the project will not be closed until fall, making sure the vegetation is growing satisfactorily.

Mr. Burmeister:

- Noted the calendar on the City's website has all the City Council meetings moved to June and asked that the calendar be corrected. Also, Summerfest is not listed on the calendar and asked that too, be checked.
- Asked about the Community Center being closed this past Wednesday.

Mr. Grice explained upon opening in the morning there was a high level of carbon monoxide in the building. The Fire Department was contacted, who confirmed the high carbon monoxide reading and evacuated the building. The problem was corrected and the building was open by 1:00 p.m. the same day. There was a cracked heat exchanger that caused the problem which has been repaired, with a new heat exchanger on order.

- Asked if Ms. Beck's concern of Grey Road has been addressed, noting she is in attendance at this evening's meeting.

Mr. Tanghe stated the information was forwarded to Police Chief Olko. The Chief will be returning from vacation tomorrow; he will check with her tomorrow.

Ms. Verbeke:

- Asked if City Council Members will be participating in the Memorial Day parade; plans are currently underway for the parade. She asked Council Members to please let her know.

Mr. Knight:

- Noted North Squirrel Road has median irrigation and is very well mowed and maintained. He would like the sides of the road to be equally kept up and mowed, keeping Squirrel Road entirely maintained and looking good.
- The towers from the high tension wires are being taken down, it is quite interesting to watch.
- He too is curious if Ms. Beck's concerns regarding Grey Road traffic has been addressed.

Mayor McDaniel stated Police Chief Olko will be in the office tomorrow and Mr. Tanghe will be checking with her.

Ms. Mitchell:

- Welcomed Mayor McDaniel back.
- The employee recognition program last Thursday was a wonderful event and congratulated all those employees who were recognized.
- Reminded residents she will be holding her Coffee Chat, Friday, May 13th, 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., at Bigby Coffee on Joslyn Road, and everyone is invited to visit with her.

Mayor McDaniel:

- Reminded all residents with spring cleanup under way, that trash is not to be curbside longer than 24 hours prior to the scheduled pick up day.
- Noted the election in August will include the Headlee Override proposal for the Fire Millage. There are two informational meetings coming up for questions and answers. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at Fire Station 2, 1899 N. Squirrel Road and Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at Fire Station 1, 3483 Auburn Road.
- The City awards and recognition banquet for the Senior Services volunteers, Fire Department and Police Department, was a great event; he congratulated all those that were recognized. Thanked the City Manager and his staff for the great event.

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT - none

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - none

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

