



The City of Auburn Hills

City Council Meeting

Minutes

March 5, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: by Mayor McDonald at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Present: Mayor McDonald, Mayor Pro Tem Hammond, Council Members Doyle, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Verbeke
Absent: None
Also Present: City Manager Auger, Assistant City Manager Tanghe, Director of Emergency Services/Police Chief Olko, DPS Director Melchert, Fleet Manager Skinner, Treasurer Buschmohle, Deputy Treasurer Keiser, City Clerk Kowal, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Engineers Juidici
6 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. Regular City Council Meeting – February 20, 2012

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Doyle.

RESOLVED: To approve the February 20, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes with the following addition under item 9A regarding the Investment Manager's Performance Report and Funding Recommendation: Councilpersons Doyle and Knight noted that one of the Investment Managers significantly outperformed the other, and suggested a higher amount than 50% be invested with that manager. (Minutes approved with the amendment as noted.)

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDonald, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.03.033

5. APPOINTMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Motion – Approve transfer of a Class C -SDM Liquor License with, Sunday Sales and Official Permit (Food) from Max and Erma's Restaurants Inc to American Blue Ribbon Holdings LLC.

RESOLVED: To adopt the resolution approving a transfer of a Class C Liquor License with Sunday sales and Official Permit (food), issued under MCL 436.1531(4), currently held by Max and Erma's Restaurants, Inc. at 4255 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills, MI to American Blue Ribbon Holdings LLC, for use at the same address, and to authorize the City Clerk to forward said resolution to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

7b. Motion – Approve the Purchase of Four (4) 2012 Dodge Charger Police Package Patrol Vehicles and One (1) Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Cab 4 x 4 "Special Service Group" Police Package Truck

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of four (4) 2012 Dodge Charger Police Packages and one (1) 2012 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Cab 4 x 4 "Special Service Group" Police Package Truck be awarded to Bill Snethkamp Dodge, 6131 S; Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, MI 48911 at total cost of \$113,280.60.

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Doyle.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of items 7c and 7d for discussion.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.03.034

7c. Motion – Approve Interlocal Service Agreement Between Cities of Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills, and Rochester for Public Works Services

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Doyle.

RESOLVED: To approve the Interlocal Service Agreement Between Cities of Auburn Hills, Rochester Hills, and Rochester for Public Works Services.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.03.035

7d. Motion – Approve Resolution to Encourage the Regional Transportation Coordinating Council to Include the City of Auburn Hills in the Bus Rapid Travel (BRT) System.

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Doyle.

RESOLVED: To adopt the attached resolution (Attachment A) and to direct the City Clerk to forward a copy to Governor Snyder, Senator Marleau, State Representative Greimel, and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.03.036

8. OLD BUSINESS – none.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – Accept Report and Recommendation for Issuance / Renewal of Recreation Hall Licenses

Moved by Doyle; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To accept the report and recommendation for renewal of Recreation Hall license for the listed establishments who have passed City inspections, paid the appropriate licensing fee and presented the necessary documents.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.03.037

9b. Motion – Approve 2012 Liquor License Renewals

Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Doyle.

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the annual liquor licenses of those establishments that have met the licensing requirements of the City; and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, March 19th, 2012 to consider evidence regarding the recommendation of non-renewal of a liquor license to those establishments who have not met the City's requirements, namely Duffy's and the Post Bar.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.03.038

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Knight:

- Appreciated the valiant effort put in to making the ice rink that wasn't able to be used but a few times and hopes the tradition will continue.
- He and the Director of Emergency Operations met and discussed the parking problems on Cherryland and Juniper. He was only alerting her to the situations, not requesting any action and if this item is on the action list it can be removed.

Ms. Doyle:

- The website needs updating to include the Council assignments to Boards and Commissions.
- Is pleased to see her issue regarding foreclosures in the 'Open Issues Log' will be coming to Council soon, noting many communities and the county are or have held meetings for homeowners facing possible foreclosure.
- Appreciated the comments in the Week in Review regarding the trash contract, mentioning the next quarterly statements will be sent soon and for those who pay annually, they will see a fuel charge decrease and those that pay quarterly will not see an increase. Also, recycling in the City is about 12% and the national average is approximately 34%.

Ms. Hammond:

- Noted the bench at Duffy's Pub has been moved to the other side and wait staff sweeps the sidewalk in the evening.

Mr. Kittle:

- Hats off to Councilwomen Doyle for her diligence in Oakland University's location.
- He checked out the City's cable and concurred that it is pretty bad.
- Asked about a possible response to Mr. Lonier and a resolution regarding the smart meters. Mayor McDonald stated he would respond to Mr. Lonier.
- Asked about upgrading the Council laptops and if it was in the budget this year. Mr. Auger stated with the election now over, the City Clerk and the IT department would start investigating the options.

Mr. Knight:

- Congratulated and thanked Mr. Juidici on his award for the great work he has been doing.

Mr. Juidici thanked the Council stating it has been quite a whirl-wind. He stated the marketing department has done a wonderful job of getting the word out and has made sure that Auburn Hills has been mentioned in anything that has been publicized, because most everything he has done has been working Auburn Hills. He appreciates working all the wonderful people in the City and hopes to continue for a very long time.

11. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT – none.

12. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

- Noted his trip to Europe is quickly approaching and there have been many meetings with companies here in the City that have parent companies in Italy. It has been very difficult to include all those companies into the itinerary, since they are not all located in the same area. When he returns he will have a detailed report for Council.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion – Recess to Executive Session to Discuss (a.) Property Acquisition & (b.)Personnel Matter

Moved by Doyle; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To recess to Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matter & Property Acquisition.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.03.039

Hearing no objections, the public portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm to Executive Session with Attorney Derk Beckerleg.

Public meeting reconvened at 8:27 pm.

13a. Motion regarding acquisition of land.

Moved by McDaniel; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the purchase agreement for a part of parcel identification number 14-25-376-003 and containing 3.305 acres in the amount of \$40,000; and authorize Assistant City Manager Thomas A. Tanghe to execute all necessary documents at closing on behalf of the City in order to complete the sale. Funds for the purchase are available from Account No. 101-901-970-000, General Fund/Capital Improvements.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.03.040

13b. Motion regarding a Personnel Matter.

Moved by Doyle; Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To amend the City Manager’s Employment Agreement to reflect the changes presented in the draft agreement with an amendment date of March 5, 2012 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.03.041

14. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COUNCIL TO INCLUDE THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS IN THE BUS RAPID TRAVEL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Coordinating Council has drafted a new transit plan for the Tri-County area, which includes a Bus Rapid Travel (BRT) system; and

WHEREAS, the plan calls for the Bus Rapid Travel t to have routes on Gratiot between Woodward and M-59, extending it along M-59 to Van Dyke, then installing Arterial Rapid Transit (ART – light version of BRT) lines on 8 Mile, Big Beaver/Metro Parkway, Fort and Grand River; but with both systems bypassing the City of Auburn Hills, and

Whereas, the City of Auburn Hills serves as Michigan’s global business address and is home to Chrysler Group, LLC World Headquarters, BorgWarner Headquarters, the award winning Palace of Auburn Hills and NBA Pistons, Great Lakes Crossing Outlets, Oakland University, Oakland Community College, Baker College, Central Michigan University and Cooley Law school, with countless other corporations both large and small that create thousands of jobs for Michigan residents; and

Whereas, adding Auburn Hills to this plan could allow for the inclusion of Pontiac, the County Seat of Oakland. The current plan includes the County Seats of both Wayne and Macomb Counties, but bypasses the route to the County Seat of Oakland County, the second largest county in the State, and one which is a neighboring community to Auburn Hills; and

Whereas, the City of Auburn Hills has a current daily visitor count of more than 60,000 persons who could benefit greatly from a Bus Rapid Travel system, and believes that new business opportunities would be created based on the ability of workers to travel by the bus system;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills strongly urges the Regional Transportation Coordinating Council to amend its current plans to include routes to and/or through our City, providing transportation services to our residents, businesses, universities and colleges, municipal facilities, and shopping and entertainment destinations.

Be It Further Resolved that the City Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Regional Transportation Coordinating Council, Governor Rick Snyder, State Senator Jim Marleau, State Representative Tim Greimel, and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

AYES: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION 12.03.036 ADOPTED 7-0

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the duly appointed City Clerk for the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Auburn Hills City Council held on the 5th day of March, 2012.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 6th day of March, 2012.

Terri Kowal, MMC, City Clerk