



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

AGENDA ITEM NO. .

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

August 19, 2019

LOCATION: Auburn Hills City Hall, Administrative Conference Room, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

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| Present: | McDaniel, Travnikar, Young, Gliniecki, Volk (Arrived at 5:36 p.m.) |
| Absent: | Rasmussen, Jernigan, Wise, Spurlin |
| Also Present: | Brandon Skopek, Director of Authorities |
| Guests: | None |

Mr. Skopek noted that a quorum is not necessary for the informational meeting per Public Act 57 of 2018 and the meeting may proceed.

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

None.

REVIEW OF PROJECTS COMPLETED OVER THE LAST YEAR

Mr. Skopek reviewed for the Board that Public Act 57 of 2018 requires tax increment financing authorities to hold two informational meetings per calendar year. Informational meetings are for the purpose of informing the public of the goals and direction of the authority, including projects to be undertaken in the coming year. The informational meetings are not for the purpose of voting on policy, budgets, or other operational matters.

Mr. Skopek stated that the Board has participated in multiple projects and initiatives throughout 2019 including the sponsorship of the Friday Night Summer Concert Series, conducting a resource team visit with Main Street Oakland County to further the Board's Main Street initiative, sponsoring the City's first annual SeptemBEERfest, participating in a development incentive for Robertson Brothers' Riverside Townes, partnering with the Tax Increment Finance Authority for downtown marketing, and funding irrigation along Parkways Boulevard.

FISCAL YEAR 2020 PLANS

Mr. Skopek stated that at this time, 2020 will closely mirror 2019 with the addition of creating and establishing DDA committees to assist with promotions and event planning for downtown and additional downtown events. Another proposed addition for 2020 is applying for Associate Level status with Main Street Oakland County.

Mr. Gliniecki stated he would like to defer future planning until November when more Board members could be in attendance. He would like a full Board to be present to discuss the Board's vision for 2020. Further, he asked what events were planned for 2020.

Mr. Skopek stated that staff will be holding an internal meeting in mid-September to discuss and brainstorm events for 2020. He recommended discussing specifics during the regular meeting as the informational meeting is not for discussing policy.

Mr. Volk arrived at 5:36 p.m.

Chairman Young inquired about the timeline for budget approval.

Mr. Skopek stated he will be presenting the proposed 2020 budget during the regular DDA meeting and has recommended approval of the budget this evening. He further stated that City Council will be reviewing the proposed 2020 budget at their workshop meeting on August 26.

Chairman Young stated that he would like to see more Board members attend meetings in order to have discussions about the future direction of the authority and downtown.

Mr. Skopek stated that it is his hope that creating DDA committees will increase engagement. Further, he would like to meet more frequently as an entire Board in 2020 rather than meeting quarterly.

Mr. Volk stated he would like to meet monthly.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next Downtown Development Authority Informational Meeting will be Monday, November 11, 2019, at 5:30 PM at City Hall in the Administrative Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Young adjourned the informational meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brandon Skopek
Executive Director