



The City of Auburn Hills

City Council Meeting

Minutes

March 17, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: by 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 Kittle, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Knight, Mitchell, Verbeke

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Auger, Assistant City Manager Tanghe, Director Olko, Treasurer Buschmohle, Deputy Treasurer Keiser, DPW Director Melchert, Deputy DPW Director- Infrastructure Herczeg, DPW Deputy Director Quality of Life Services Grice, Fleet & Roads Manager Brisson, Assistant City Planner Keenan, City Attorney Hill, and City Engineers Stevens & Wingate.

14 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. Regular Council Meeting – March 3, 2014

Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the March 3, 2014 regular meeting minutes.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.03.053

4b. Council Workshop – March 3, 2014

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To approve the March 3, 2014 Workshop minutes.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.03.054

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Presentation - Community Housing Network

Rebecca Snay, AmeriCorps Foreclosure Intake Specialist, Community Housing Network, Inc., wished to explain foreclosure prevention services offered by her company. The company serves Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties and is a non-profit organization that was established in 2001. The Community Housing Network has six counselors certified by Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). The counselors provide home buyer education, financial education, foreclosure prevention and transitioning support for exiting homeowners. In the past, mortgage foreclosures were number one, the new foreclosure crisis is now tax foreclosures. If homeowners have delinquent taxes from 2011, they should contact the Oakland County Treasurer's Office to work out a payment plan; the County is willing to work with property owners and can be contacted at 248-858-0611. With a number of foreclosures of both types, help can be sought through HUD and MSHDA certified counselor agencies, including Community Housing Network, Lighthouse, JVS, OLSHA and Green Path. All the services are free. An application is available through www.stepforwardmichigan.org for financial assistance, if a homeowner prefers to not use an agency.

5b. Presentation – North Oakland County Water Authority

Mr. Herczeg explained individual communities purchase water from DWSD (Detroit Water and Sewer Department), through individual community contracts with rates based on purchased water volume, distance, and elevation from Detroit and peak hour water demands. By working together, the opportunity exists to curtail future water increases from DWSD along with a reduction in revenue requirements that can be achieved through peak hour demand mitigation. The purpose of North Oakland County Water Authority (NOCWA) is to provide better water service to the North Oakland County communities and to maximize the underutilized assets, e.g. the Pontiac water storage tanks. The efficiencies could be increased by operating as a small regional district as opposed to four individual communities. Those communities are Auburn Hills, Pontiac, Rochester Hills, and Orion Township with a future potential member Oakland Township and possibly other communities.

The advantages of NOCWA: Economic Benefit - *Sustainable water rates lead to community growth; *Community Collaboration; *Sharing of best management practices; *Enhanced communication; *Enhanced Level of Service; *Improved water system pressures for some customers during high water demand; and *Maximize Existing Infrastructure and Reduce Future Capital Expenditures.

Moving forward with a phase approach: Phase 1 – Creation of an Authority; Phase 2 – Pontiac institutes upgrades and operational changes to supply their peak hour water demand through their existing storage tanks; Phase 3 – New water main constructed between Pontiac and Auburn Hills to further reduce peak hour water draw from DWSD.

Phase I – Creation of the Authority: Formation of NOCWA under Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Urban Cooperation Act of 1967; Simple structure; Goal to keep infrastructure ownership and operations/maintenance with individual communities; and duties (financial, legal, etc.) taken on by individual communities to eliminate need for direct NOCWA employees or consultants.

Phase II – Pontiac upgrades for peak hour mitigation: Utilize existing pumping station and storage facilities to satisfy Pontiac's peak hour demand; Reduce or eliminate DWSD draw from existing meter connections during peak hour; Requires enhanced SCADA communication and controls at existing meter connections; System operational for summer 2014 demonstration to DWSD; and expected to result in over \$3,000,000 in DWSD revenue requirement reduction compared to the total revenue requirement of the four individual communities.

Phase III – Additional capital infrastructure for further peak hours mitigation: Meter pit and water main installed to convey water from Pontiac Storage to Auburn Hills; System controls instituted at AH-02 (Auburn Hills DWSD Meter Connection); and expected to result in additional \$300,000 in DWSD revenue requirement reduction for the four individual communities.

A connection must be made across Opdyke Road connecting to the Pontiac water main so pumping to Auburn Hills can be done during peak hours.

NOCWA Status: Ongoing community representative meetings to define goals, legal agreements & rate methodology since January 2013; SEMCOG has provided facilitation services since the spring of 2013; Funding established for technical assistance in the spring of 2013; a letter of support obtained from DWSD for NOCWA formation in September 2013; Requested funding from Oakland County Water Resources Commission (OCWRC) for Authority implementation, approximately \$50,000 in November 2013, which is currently being processed; and resubmitted a Competitive Grant Assistance Program application in the amount of \$1.7 million, to assist with Phases II & III implementation.

What's Next: Create draft collaboration agreement (NOCWA formation), which will probably be done at the next meeting in April; Implement Phase II Improvements by May 2014; Demonstration period for peak hour management in the summer of 2014 allowing us to negotiate contracts with DWSD by the fall of 2014.

Ms. Verbeke asked what part of the \$3 million in savings would be for Auburn Hills.

Mr. Herczeg stated he doesn't have a realistic breakdown, but once the methodology is achieved, the real saving amounts will be determined. He believes Auburn Hills is about 20% of the total amount. He confirmed the \$1.7 million grant money will cover the total expenses or close to the total; if not, the balance would be evenly divided among the communities.

Mr. Knight asked if he understood correctly, that the filling of the water tanks for each community would take place during off-peak hours, so no water would be used directly from Detroit, during peak hours.

Mr. Herczeg stated that is exactly what this would be doing. This would be minimizing the peak hour use for all four communities, by forming one community. This would be the greatest rate savings, with Pontiac pumping and storing the water then sending it off peak to maintain the pressures in the other communities.

Mr. Melchert confirmed there has been collaboration with the communities for well over a year; all are on board with the program. In April, the agreement will be brought before Council for approval, as well as the rate savings.

Mr. Kittle noted there had been a letter of support from DWSD, have there been any changes in that support.

Mr. Herczeg stated that support has not changed, and isn't sure if the bankruptcy will have any effect on the support. There is also savings to Detroit's capital expenditures, not having to supply pressure in peak hours if and/or when this agreement is approved, by saving DSWS money in capital improvements.

Mr. Melchert noted there will still be many benefits to forming this Authority, regardless of the direction the negotiations between DWSD and the counties goes.

Responding to Ms. Mitchell, Mr. Melchert stated the group meets monthly. He went on to explain the communities that are participating are all contiguous; all the boundaries are tied together. In the current DWSD contract, it requires all communities that want to form an Authority be connected by boundaries. These four communities, because of the annual consumption of water, can demonstrate they are able to during peak hour and max daytimes to level off water consumption so it is not so aggressive in the demand on DWSD system. These four communities tend to yield the best management practices as far as operational needs as well as potential savings.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rimi Hirmiz, owner of Exhale Hookah Lounge, explained it has been over four months since the new ordinance was adopted and requested the hours be restored. A new hookah lounge opened in downtown Rochester, there are three lounges in Rochester Hills and 12 hookah lounges in Shelby Township, all drawing his business because of their hours, staying open as late as 4:00 a.m., daily.

Mike Ishaia, co-owner of Grizzly Hookah Lounge proposed allowing the hookah lounges to remain open until 2:00 a.m. on the weekends. He noted it isn't only the hookah lounges that are losing money, but other businesses where students may buy snacks or beverages later in the evening.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a.1. Tax Incentive Review Committee – February 10, 2014

7a.2. Beautification Advisory Commission – February 16, 2014

7a.3. Tax Increment Finance Authority – March 11, 2014

7b. Motion – Approve Purchase of Dell Laptop Mobile Workstations for Police Department

RESOLVED: To approve the Police Department's purchase of 8 Dell 6430ATG Laptop Mobile Workstations at a cost of \$18,178.72 under the Oakland County Cooperative Bid.

7c. Motion – Approve Cedar Log Cabin Materials Bid

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of log cabin materials for the construction of the final log cabin at Hawk Woods Nature Center from Cedar Log & Lumber of Millersburg, Inc., 6019 S. Millersburg Road, Millersburg, Michigan 49759 in the amount of \$ 20,994.65. Funding is provided from the Parks and Grounds budget, account 101-266-975.000.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.03.055

8. OLD BUSINESS

8a. Public Hearing/Motion – Renewal of Liquor Licenses

Director Olko stated all businesses have paid their outstanding obligations to the City, and therefore, approval is recommended for The American Legion, Elwell Grill, Duffy's Irish Pub and Toby Keith's I Love This Bar and Grill.

Mayor McDaniel opened the public hearing at 7:29 p.m. and hearing no comment, closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To recommend approval of the annual liquor licenses of those establishments who have now met the licensing requirements of the City: The American Legion, Elwell Grill, Toby Keith's I Love This Bar and Grill and Duffy's Irish Pub.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.03.056

8b. Motion – Landfill Oversight Monitoring Program Consultant

Mr. Keenan explained a bid proposal for a Groundwater Oversight Consultant was posted because the contract with Environmental Resources Group expired at the end of 2013. Eight companies responded and of those eight, the four most qualified companies were interviewed. A committee of Stephanie Carroll, Council Member Knight, and himself, Mr. Keenan, interviewed the four firms. The interview criteria included understanding the scope of work; experience working with municipalities and MDEQ; experience in landfill monitoring; the ability to gather and evaluate data and effectively relay that information to lay persons; offer unique values; and references. After completing the interviews, it was determined by the Committee, the most qualified firm was Environmental Consulting Solutions.

A cost proposal was submitted by Environmental Consulting Solutions for their services; a three year contract is estimated at \$43,650.00, or \$14,550 per year. There is an option to renew the contract for an additional three years. The contract was reviewed by City Staff and the City Attorney, and the Committee recommends awarding the contract to Environmental Consulting Solutions for the Oakland Heights Landfill Oversight of Groundwater Monitoring Program.

Mr. Kittle asked Andy Foerg if he had the previous contract for the Monitoring Program.

Mr. Foerg stated he was the project manager in the past, with Environmental Resources Group, but has since formed his own company. He assured Council there are no non-compete clauses with his former company.

Mr. Keenan stated he received a letter from Environmental Resources Group, stating there is no conflict.

Mr. Knight noted Mr. Foerg completed working through year-end with his former company.

Responding to Ms. Hammond, Mr. Foerg stated he will continue to present condensed versions of reports when attending Council meetings. He noted over the last several years he has visited the site a third of the time, but has staff that does the oversight; he then evaluates his staff's report, the landfill's consultant report and then prepares the reports submitted to the City.

Mr. Kittle asked if there is a website for the company, when the company was formed, and if he had many clients.

Mr. Foerg stated the website is www.environmentalconsultingsolutions.com, and the company was formed in September 2013, with quite a few clients; things are going reasonably well. He plans on growing the company.

Mr. Keenan noted the approximate cost for services in 2013 was approximately \$11,400.

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To award the contract for professional services for the Oakland Heights Development Landfill Oversight Groundwater Monitoring Program to Environmental Consulting Solutions (Michigan).

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.03.057

8c. Motion – Acceptance of I-75 / University Drive Diverging Diamond Interchange Project

Mr. Melchert explained he will refer to the Diverging Diamond Interchange as a DDI. Over the past five years, staff has been submitting applications for the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery ("TIGER") grant to help fund MDOT with this project. With the recent closure for emergency repairs of the University Bridge, the City has been talking with MDOT who has acknowledged the bridge does need replacing. MDOT has committed \$8 million, which is enough to replace the existing bridge as it currently. The Diverging Diamond plan is nearly fully funded with the help of TIFA and Oakland University's contribution. Funding is also being sought through the Michigan Economic Development Fund.

MDOT has committed to this project with an assembled management team that meets with City Staff on a bi-weekly basis to get the bridge planned and constructed in 2015. MDOT funding for this project will not be available until June, so the State has asked Auburn Hills to hire OHM and the State's engineers, URS, to complete the preliminary design and the agreements.

The TIFA Board approved the funding for the I-75 / University Drive Diverging Diamond Interchange Project - OHM Preliminary Engineering Scope of Services (\$690,000) and the URS – Subconsultant Services for Design-Build Contract Document Preparation (\$38,000), for a total cost not to exceed \$728,000.

Mr. Burmeister asked why a diverging diamond interchange and what the cost difference will be.

Mr. Melchert explained the DDI will better be able to handle the current amount of traffic as well as anticipated increase of more traffic in the future.

Mayor McDaniel noted the cost difference is \$8 million.

Mr. Auger explained if the bridge is built with two lanes as it currently is, the cost would be \$8 million. To meet federal standards, the cost is increased to \$30 million. The plan for this interchange, the first in Michigan, will have no conflicting turns.

Mr. Auger noted, currently at rush hour there is gridlock because the bridge narrows down to only two lanes. With the development of Oak Tech Park, there will be much more traffic using this interchange, and there is the need for a better flow of traffic.

Mayor McDaniel explained Council gave direction to staff to investigate this configuration for the interchange, in 2009. Discussing with OHM and MDOT, it was determined this would be the appropriate configuration based on traffic volumes.

Mr. Auger also noted, with this configuration, it will shrink the intersection footprint and Chrysler traffic will have direct access to northbound I-75.

Mr. Knight stated the simulation as presented does not make sense; he doesn't believe there is a great amount of traffic that heads west on University. He does however, support the project.

Mr. Auger stated there is a great amount of traffic heading west on University Drive to Opdyke Road, where many office parks are located, as well as hotels.

Mr. Kittle asked how the general public will be educated on this new concept.

Mr. Auger explained it is a very easy to use, traffic gets funneled in the specific direction someone is wishing head. Continuing, Mr. Auger stated in Missouri, the nay-sayers to this type of interchange, admitted how easy it is to navigate.

Mr. Stevens, OHM, introduced Pat Wingate, Director of OHM's Transportation Department. He also noted the DDI's can be found not only in Missouri, but Ohio and Idaho as well.

Mr. Wingate explained this is new technology to the United States; currently there are six DDI's in the country. The initial concept came from France, where a few were built in the 1970's. A researcher brought the concept to the United States

15 or so years ago and Michigan has been waiting to see how the new design has worked in other states. The learning curve for drivers using the DDI is easier than roundabouts.

Ms. Mitchell believes as Mr. Kittle, the public will have to learn how the intersection will work, but this will be a great improvement to what is currently in place.

Ms. Verbeke asked for confirmation that there is no need to purchase additional property to build this bridge, all the money is for the actual construction.

Mr. Wingate stated there is a small sliver of land, near High Meadow, that will need to be purchased.

Mr. Burmeister asked how this DDI will impact other University Drive intersections, particularly Opdyke Road, which is one of the of the City's most hazardous intersections.

Mr. Wingate stated the Squirrel Road intersection is quite a distance and won't be impacted. MDOT will require a traffic model, extending from Opdyke Road east to at least to High Meadow. Both safety and traffic operations will be studied on the adjacent intersections.

Responding to Mr. Burmeister, Mr. Wingate didn't believe this bridge would increase traffic; however, a new traffic count study will be conducted and used for the traffic study.

Mayor McDaniel questioned if there will be no right turns on red lights.

Mr. Wingate stated that hasn't yet been determined, that will be site specific. MDOT will own the signals, but RCOC will maintain the signals as part of the overall Oakland County system. The whole University Drive will be considered one system, and signals can be adjusted to meet the needs.

Mr. Stevens noted there may or may not be traffic signals at all the exit ramps, the model being used for demonstration purposes is not what will be exactly constructed.

Ms. Verbeke asked about pedestrian traffic on this bridge.

Mr. Wingate stated there will be a pedestrian path included on the bridge, but aren't sure of the specifics. MDOT suggested a 14 foot path on the north side of the road, but it is yet to be determined.

Ms. Verbeke asked what the speed limit will be.

Mr. Wingate stated it was recommended to be designed for 35 miles per hour, in conjunction with MDOT who is currently gathering engineering designs standards for a DDI from other states.

Mr. Kittle asked if for some reason the State decides to not proceed with the project, will the City be out the \$728,000.

Mr. Auger explained the \$728,000 would come from the \$4 million the City has committed for this project. The appropriations bill was recently signed by the Governor, and specific sites are currently being considered. There isn't much of a choice for MDOT, because this bridge must be done next season. There is hope the bridge will hold out until the new bridge is constructed; OHM has been able to devise a way for the current bridge to remain open during most of the construction for the new bridge.

Mayor McDaniel asked if this type of configuration would also work at the I-75 / M-59 interchange.

Mr. Wingate stated that intersection would have to be studied; the plans for improvements were deferred in 2004 by Governor Granholm and he isn't sure when those plans will be brought forward again.

Mr. Kittle noted in 2010 the first diverging diamond interchange was built in the U.S. and in 2013 more were springing up. St. Louis has a website designated entirely to diverging diamond interchanges.

Mr. Wingate stated information to educate the public will likely begin in the next several months, and be coordinated with MDOT.

Mr. Auger noted MDOT has been asked to develop a web site dedicated to the diverging diamond interchanges.

Mayor McDaniel noted State Representative Greimel contacted him over the weekend, stating how excited he is with this project and is lobbying very strongly in Lansing in an effort to keep this project moving forward,

Mr. Kittle suggested there are many other legislatures behind the push of this bridge replacement as well.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Burmeister.

RESOLVED: To accept the approval of the TIFA Board for the preliminary engineering, design, and contract management work related to the Diverging Diamond Interchange project and authorize said projects' work/construction to take place within the City's rights-of way.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.03.058

8d. Motion – Resolution Supporting University Drive/I-75 Diverging Diamond Interchange & Economic Development Projects

Mr. Melchert explained the Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund (MTEDF) is offering an Economic Development Road Project grant to support transportation projects in areas where new economic development is taking place that will retain jobs or bring new jobs to Michigan.

The application requires several forms to be completed by the City and the business partners. The required forms include a Resolution of Support from the local government. The resolution must indicate support for the development, and a commitment by the affected governing jurisdiction to provide at least 20% of the total cost of the transportation project as match funding. Of the \$16.25 million needed to complete construction of the DDI at University Drive and I-75, \$12.75 million has been committed as match funding.

Mr. Kittle asked the status of the DPW facility that was being proposed for Doris Road and the trading of property with MDOT.

Mr. Melchert explained MDOT traded the property with a developer in Saginaw for much needed office space; therefore the property is off the market.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To Approve the Resolution of Support of University Drive/I-75 Diverging Diamond Interchange and Economic Development Projects (Attachment A).

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.03.059

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion - Schedule a Public Hearing to Consider Vacation of a Portion of Lonedale Road Right-of-Way (ROW)

Mr. Melchert noted a public hearing must be posted for this vacation to be heard at the April 21st Council meeting. At the April 7th meeting, consideration of a connection for Library Drive to North Squirrel Road, at or near Cross Creek Parkway will be considered. This has been a project OU has been working on for several years, in an attempt to improve the flow of traffic within the campus. This will not compromise the flow of traffic on North Squirrel Road; any traffic backup, will stack in the campus. Oakland University would like to close Lonedale Road once the connection has been made. With that closing the City will provide OU with the right-of-way in exchange for right-of-way along the north side of Butler Road. The exchange would allow at a future date, for Butler Road to be designed and paved.

Mr. Burmeister asked if Lonedale is closed at Squirrel Road would the only resident on Lonedale be forced to access their home through the campus.

Mr. Melchert noted part of the agreement will include Oakland University providing ingress and egress for that resident to Library Drive.

Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Mitchell.

RESOLVED: To adopt the attached resolution (Attachment B) and schedule a public hearing to consider vacation of a portion of Lonedale Road ROW at the April 21, 2014 Regular City Council Meeting.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.03.060

9b. Motion - Approval of Scope of Engineering Services for Parkways Boulevard

Mr. Melchert explained this development is located adjacent to and immediately south and west of the existing Forester Square development. The project developer has contributed \$629,000 towards the construction of the road. Included in the road construction is the supporting infrastructure; water mains, storm drains, street lights, and sidewalks.

OHM has submitted a scope of engineering services, not-to-exceed \$64,500 for preparing the design for the boulevard.

Mr. Melchert confirmed the boulevard will end at the formerly known Superior Concrete property.

Mr. Kittle noted the cost breakdown with \$3,500 for Planning and Study, \$7,000 for Permits and Bidding, but questioned why Preparing Contract Documents cost \$54,000.

Mr. Stevens apologized for the poor choice of wording and explained preparing contract documents is the actual designs; the storm water/ sewer design and calculations, the road design and profiles, the pavement design, and the like.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To accept the Scope of Engineering Services as presented in the March 10, 2014 proposal from OHM and approve the not-to-exceed amount of \$64,500 for the Parkways boulevard project. Funds are available in GL number 101-446-973.203PARKWAYSBLVD.

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

No: None

Motion Carried (7-0)

Resolution No. 14.03.061

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Hammond:

- She would like Council to seriously re-examine the hours for the hookah lounges and help these business owners. Auburn Hills is known as a business friendly city.

Mayor McDaniel asked Mr. Auger for a report of any violations for the hookah lounges, from the time of the new ordinance to current, in the event Council wishes to revisit the hours of operation.

Mr. Auger stated he will compile a report

Ms. Mitchell asked if the information could include any neighboring communities that have changed hours of operations that may have caused the lounges to go out of business.

- Asked the status of the studies conducted for the downtown parking and lane markings.

Mr. Auger stated studies have been completed, and OHM is reviewing those. There is a water main that runs underneath those parking spaces, and a cost for that replacement is being investigated. He anticipates a report should be ready for an April meeting.

Ms. Verbeke:

- Requested the hookah lounge report include neighbor complaints.
- Joslyn and Baldwin Roads are in such bad shape; she received a phone call from an out-of-town visitor who stated they will not come back to Auburn Hills until the roads are fixed.

Mayor McDaniel stated the information will have to be relayed to the County; those roads are the responsibility of Oakland County.

Mr. Auger stated Joslyn Road is to be fixed this year. Money has been freed for repairing a section of Baldwin Road this year; however, the City has been working with Oakland County with the hope of repairing the whole road this year, not just a portion.

Ms. Verbeke asked if the Baldwin Road bridge integrity is compromised or if it is just the concrete that is falling apart.

Mr. Kittle stated the roads are going to get worse before they get better; the ground has not yet thawed.

Mr. Knight:

- Is sympathetic to the hookah lounge owners, but isn't sure if the current lounges could be grandfathered with longer hours of operation and not allow new comers the same hours of operation.
- He was very pleased the white lights remained on downtown until this past weekend. The affect those lights have is very impressive and positive.
- Asked what is being installed along Squirrel Road.

Mr. Herczeg stated they are fiber optic lines being installed by a contractor.

- He wants to make sure the new interchange allows Chrysler traffic access to I-75, traveling under the bridge.
- Complimented City staff for working on Lonedale and getting a right-of-way agreement for Butler Road. Twenty-five years ago, a promise was made to have every road in the City paved, and Butler is the only remaining unpaved road in the City.

Mr. Burmeister:

- Asked if all the equipment near the Red Ox is for the new drain being installed.

Mr. Herczeg confirmed that is for the sewer improvement project.

Mr. Kittle:

- Had a meeting with the DPW regarding car purchases, and discussion included other retail options for the fleet. There will be some cross-checking, making sure we take advantage of the best deals.

Ms. Mitchell:

- Noted a senior had contacted her after seeing Council's discussion regarding swimming. There is a group of approximately 25 seniors that take advantage of swimming at an area hotel and were under the impression the program was being canceled. The program is not being canceled and the seniors are very appreciative to have such a program.
- South Boulevard, between I-75 and Opdyke, the road is full of potholes and would like to keep that road on Oakland County's radar.
- This weekend she visited the DEN and saw a number of students studying and families watching television and is pleased to see it being used. She asked about the plumbing issue.

Mr. Herczeg explained the frozen water line was repaired today.

She also noted, some users asked if the DEN could remain open until 2:00 a.m.

Mayor McDaniel:

- Noted he had called 911, and praised the emergency workers on their efforts in saving the house and the family's belongings.

The family contacted him expressing how impressed they were with the quick response from both the Fire and Police Departments. He asked Director Olko to extend the appreciation of this family to the fire and police personnel who responded.

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – none

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Noted his blog will be about the response of the emergency services to this house fire and witnessing how well an emergency situation is handled.
- Sea Life will be coming to Great Lakes Outlets, which will be a great asset. This will be another national and international draw, namely Canadian residents, to Auburn Hills.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Terri Kowal, City Clerk

**CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR
THE POSSIBLE VACATION A PORTION OF LONEDALE ROAD**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chamber at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills MI 48326 at 7:00 p.m., on the 17th day of March, 2014

The following resolution was offered by Council Member Burmeister and supported by Council Member Mitchell:

WHEREAS, Section 62-14 of the Auburn Hills City Code, as amended, provides that whenever the City Council shall deem it advisable to vacate any street, it may do so by resolution, and shall, by resolution, schedule a hearing to hear objections to the proposed street vacation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn Hills is considering vacation of a portion of Lonedale Road, east of N. Squirrel Road; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it would be appropriate to hold a public hearing to consider the proposed vacation of the aforementioned portion of Lonedale Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Auburn Hills City Council that:

1. On April 21, 2014, the Auburn Hills City Council will hold a public hearing in the City Council Chambers at 1827 North Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326, for the purpose of hearing objections and other comments on the proposed vacation of a certain portion of Lonedale Road, which is legally described as follows:

SEE EXHIBIT A

2. The City Clerk shall take the necessary action to ensure that notice of the above-described public hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City not less than 15 days before the date of the public hearing, and notice shall also be given by first-class mail to the owners of all property abutting the portion of Lonedale Road proposed to be vacated, and, further, notice of the public hearing shall be posted at the City Hall for at least one week prior to the date of the public hearing.

AYES: Mayor McDaniel, Mayor Pro Tem Kittle, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Knight, Mitchell
Verbeke

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

RESOLUTION 14.03.060 APPROVED (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 17th day of March, 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 18th day of March, 2014.

Terri Kowal, City Clerk