



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING DATE: JULY 15, 2024

AGENDA ITEM NO _____

TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING

June 11, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kneffel called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:	Present:	Kneffel, Goodhall, Gudmundsen, Eldredge, Fletcher, Barash, Moniz
	Absent:	Waltenspiel
	Also Present:	Brandon Skopek, Assistant City Manager & TIFA Executive Director; Andrew Hagge, Assistant to the City Manager; Tim Wisser, Manager of Municipal Properties.
	Guests:	None

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

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Mr. Skopek began the meeting introducing Anthony Barash, the newly appointed TIFA Board member, to the rest of the Board. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to Mr. Barash.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. TIFA Regular Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2024

There was no discussion on the approval of the minutes.

Moved by Mr. Goodhall to approve the TIFA Regular Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2024, as presented.

Seconded by Dr. Fletcher

Yes:	Kneffel, Goodhall, Fletcher, Eldredge, Gudmundsen, Moniz, Barash
No:	None

CORRESPONDENCE & PRESENTATIONS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. FY 2024 Adopted Budget and YTD Summary – May 31, 2024

RESOLVED: To receive and file the financial report for the period ending May 31, 2024.

B. Receive and File Budget Amendments Encumbered by Purchase Orders

RESOLVED: To receive and file the 2024 budget amendments for 2023 funds encumbered by purchase order.

Moved by Mr. Moniz to Approve the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Mr. Goodhall

Yes: Kneffel, Goodhall, Gudmundsen, Eldredge, Fletcher, Barash, Moniz

No: None

Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Replacement of Downtown Holiday Tree

Mr. Skopek and Mr. Wisser presented the agenda item regarding the purchase of the replacement downtown holiday tree. Mr. Skopek provided details regarding the history of the prior holiday tree, going out to bid to replace the holiday tree in 2023, and going out to bid again in 2024. Mr. Wisser provided detailed information to the Board regarding the procurement and bid process as well as technical information. Technical information included details about the waterproof connectors on the new holiday tree, which will prevent future shorts and light failures.

Additionally, Mr. Barash inquired about the life expectancy of the new downtown holiday tree. Mr. Wisser explained that he expects the holiday tree to last at least 10 years.

Moved by Mr. Moniz to authorize the purchase of the S-4 40-foot Sequoia artificial Christmas tree from Christmas Décor by Eradico in the amount of \$95,041. Further, amend the 2024 TIF-A budget, increasing appropriations by \$95,041 in account number 251-735-800.199.

Seconded by Mr. Goodhall

Yes: Kneffel, Goodhall, Gudmundsen, Eldredge, Fletcher, Barash, Moniz

No: None

Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Skopek provided two updates to the Board. First, Mr. Skopek noted that the play structure, purchased by the TIFA Board, has been installed in River Woods Park, and that a ribbon cutting will soon follow. Second, Mr. Skopek explained that a downtown sound system project will soon be coming to the Board for approval. The sound system will allow for music, or other audio functions, to play throughout the Auburn Hills downtown.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Kneffel inquired about an update regarding the soon-to-come pickleball development. Mr. Skopek noted that the developers will be closing on the property for the pickleball facility shortly. Second, Mr. Kneffel asked that city staff look into signage that can promote the growing downtown. The Board discussed signage options and the best ways to promote happenings of downtown Auburn Hills.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled TIFA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room in City Hall at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Moniz to adjourn the TIFA Board meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Goodhall

Yes: Kneffel, Goodhall, Gudmundsen, Eldredge, Fletcher, Barash, Moniz

No: None

Motion Carried

The TIFA Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Steve Goodhall
Secretary of the Board

Andrew Hagge
Assistant to the City Manager