



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER &: Mayor Marzolf at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LOCATION: Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills MI

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Marzolf, and McDaniel

Absent: Council Members Knight and Verbeke

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Skopek, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Clerk Pierce, Chief of Police Gagnon, Deputy Chief of Police McGraw, Fire Chief Massingill, DPW Director Baldante, Manager of Fleet & Roads Hefner, Manager of Municipal Properties Wisser, Director of Recreation and Senior Services Adcock, Volunteer Services Specialist Evans, Community Development Director Cohen, Construction Coordinator Lang, Assistant to the City Manager Hagge, Engineer Driesenga

32 Guests

A workshop session was held prior to the regular City Council meeting at 5:30 PM. Workshop Topic: Downtown Parking Study Presentation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Workshop Minutes, February 5, 2024.

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2024.

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Marzolf, McDaniel

No: None

Resolution No. 24.02.29

Motion Carried (5 - 0)

4b. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, February 5, 2024.

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Workshop Minutes of February 5, 2024.

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Marzolf, McDaniel

No: None

Resolution No. 24.02.30

Motion Carried (5 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Promotion of Scott Smith to the rank of Detective

Chief Gagnon announced the promotion of Scott Smith to the rank of Detective.

5b. Friends of the Clinton River Trail Presentation

Josh Eichenhorn, Melinda Hill and Fred Phillips were present. Mr. Eichenhorn provided an update on the Clinton River Trail announcing that the Trail will be celebrating 20 years of existence. He thanked the city for its support.

5c. Introduction of Elaine Evans, Volunteer Services Specialist

Ms. Adcock presented Ms. Elaine Evans as the recreation senior services dept staff member. She will be responsible for overseeing the volunteer services for the City.

5d. Fourth Quarter Investment Report Presentation by Brian Green, AndCo Consulting.

Mr. Green of AndCo Consulting presented the Fourth Quarter Investment Report. He shared that the portfolio continues to be diversified across many investment managers and investment strategies and continues to perform well. He shared that AndCo Consulting is being rebranded and will be called Mariner Institutional.

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To receive and file the AndCo Consulting Fourth Quarter Cash Management Investment Performance Review.

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Marzolf, McDaniel

No: None

Resolution No. 24.02.31

Motion Carried (5 - 0)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Tax Increment Finance Authority, January 9, 2024

7a2. Election Commission, February 1, 2024

RESOLVED: To receive and file the Board and Commission Minutes.

7b. Motion – To approve the purchase of a 2024 RAM Promaster 1500 Van.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a RAM Promaster 1500 van for \$50,690.00 from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram FIAT of Lansing, MI under the MiDEAL contract #071B7700183.

7c. Motion – To approve a custodial services contract with City Wide Facility Solutions.

RESOLVED: To award a 3-year contract for custodial services to City Wide Facility Solutions, not to exceed the budgeted amounts of \$80,400 from the General Fund and \$28,404 from the Golf Course. Furthermore, approval is subject to the following be added to any final Agreement with the vendor. "The City of Auburn Hills has the unilateral right to terminate this Agreement for any reason whatsoever, or no reason, with fifteen (15) days' notice. Such provision shall take precedence over Section 5, Penalty Clause, contained within the Scope of Work document found within the Request for Proposals".

7d. Motion – To adopt the annual Arbor Day Proclamation.

RESOLVED: To adopt the annual Arbor Day proclamation designating April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day in the City of Auburn Hills. (Appendix A)

7e. Motion – To approve the purchase of 54 Water Meters for the Meter Maintenance Program.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of 54 water meters from Everett J Prescott in the amount of \$76,752.

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Marzolf, McDaniel

No: None

Resolution No. 24.02.32

Motion Carried (5 - 0)

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To adopt Resolution No. 1 to proceed with preparation of plans, specifications and cost estimates for the proposed Superior Court Special Assessment District.

Mr. Hefner presented the resolution to proceed with the proposed Superior Court Special Assessment District. This Special Assessment District is part of the City's Capital Plan and will include the removal of the existing concrete pavement, removal and replacement of failing curbs and gutters, placement of new aggregate base throughout the road, replacement/extension of drive approaches as needed, paving the road with full depth 9-inch asphalt and drainage structure repairs/relocates. This road has a passer rating of 2 out of 10 and based on the approval of City Council in 2019, the average passer rating of 6 is needed. The estimated cost of this repair is \$940,000.00. Based on the 2016 Special Assessment District Assignment Policy, the City would be responsible for up to 50% of the cost, \$470,000. An informational meeting has been held with the property owners to inform them of their share of the costs for this project.

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To approve Resolution No. 1 to proceed with preparation of plans, specifications, and cost estimates for proposed Special Assessment District regarding the repair of and improvements to Superior Court. (Appendix B)

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Marzolf, McDaniel

No: None

Resolution No. 24.02.33

Motion Carried (5 - 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Marzolf shared that he attended the Pint Size Picasso Art Show presented by the Parks and Recreation Department. He was encouraged by the great artwork of the young residents and hopes to see this type of programming continue.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

13. CLOSED SESSION

13a. Motion – To meet in closed session to discuss labor negotiations pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To meet in closed session to discuss labor negotiations pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Marzolf, McDaniel

No: None

Resolution No. 24.02.34

Motion Carried (5 - 0)

The meeting recessed to Closed Session at 7:32 PM
The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 8:54 PM.

Moved by McDaniel, Seconded by Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To reopen and proceed in mediation if the union is amenable to that and if not, to proceed with arbitration.

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Marzolf, McDaniel

No: None

Resolution No. 24.02.35

Motion Carried (5 - 0)

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Marzolf, McDaniel

No: None

Resolution No. 24.02.36

Motion Carried (5 - 0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Brain W. Marzolf, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

APPENDIX A

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

PROCLAMATION

**Designation of Friday, April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day
in The City of Auburn Hills**

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW THEREFORE, the Auburn Hills City Council does hereby proclaim April 26, 2024 as Arbor Day in the City of Auburn Hills, and urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, the Auburn Hills City Council urges all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Signed this 19th day of February, 2024, at the City of Auburn Hills

Mayor Brian Marzolf

Mayor Pro-Tem Eugene Hawkins, III

Council Member Jack D. Ferguson

Council Member Shawanna Fletcher

Council Member Henry V. Knight

Council Member Kevin McDaniel

Council Member Cheryl Verbeke

APPENDIX B

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH PREPARATION OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR A PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (RESOLUTION NO. 1)

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326, at 7:00 p.m. on the 19th day of February, 2024, the following resolution was offered by Councilperson _____ and supported by Councilperson _____:

WHEREAS, the City is considering the construction of the proposed improvement described below, and the establishment of a special assessment district to defray the cost of such improvement by special assessment against the benefited properties; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvement (“the project”) is the repair of and improvements to Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to proceed to the next step of having cost estimates and project description plans and specifications prepared for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. The City Manager shall direct OHM, the City’s registered professional engineers, to prepare plans and specifications for the project, a cost estimate for the project, an estimate of the life of the project, description of the proposed special assessment district, the number of installments in which assessments may be paid and other pertinent information that will permit the City Council to determine the estimated costs, extent and necessity of the project, including the portions to be paid by special assessments upon the properties that are specially benefited by the project and the portion, if any, to be paid by the City. Such information once prepared by OHM shall be filed with the City Clerk, along with the City Manager’s recommendations with respect to the project.
2. No contract or expenditure, except for the cost of preparing the necessary profiles, plans, designs, specifications and estimates of costs described above, shall be made for the project, nor shall any improvements be commenced until the City Council affirms the special assessment roll to defray the costs of the project.

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

I, Laura Pierce, the duly qualified and appointed City Clerk of 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 19th day of February, 2024, the original of which is on file in my office. In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Laura Pierce
City Clerk