



**CITY OF AUBURN HILLS**  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

APRIL 15, 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, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel and Verbeke

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Skopek, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Clerk Pierce, Chief of Police Gagnon, Asst. Fire Chief Robinson, Construction Coordinator Lang, Director of Recreation and Senior Services Adcock, Assistant Director of Recreation and Senior Services Beckett, Program Coordinator for Support Services Ries, Economic Development Mgr. Carroll, Mgr. of Municipal Properties Wisser, Engineers Juidici & Driesenga

14 Guests

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4a. City Council Workshop Minutes, April 1, 2024.

**Moved by Knight, Seconded by Hawkins.**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the City Council Workshop Minutes of April 1, 2024.

**VOTE:** Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: None

**Resolution No. 24.04.60**

**Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

4b. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, April 1, 2024.

Correction was made in the Attachment B resolution title which stated Pacific Holdings, this is to be corrected to show Mancini Holdings.

**Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Ferguson.**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2024 as corrected.

**VOTE:** Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: None

**Resolution No. 24.04.61**

**Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

**5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

5a. Proclamation recognizing ABB's 50th Anniversary (Attachment A)

Mayor Marzolf showed appreciation to ABB for their years of service with the city.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Jean Boyer, 1267 Candlestick Lane Rochester Hills, thanked the Police Department for taking the time to speak with the Chabad Jewish Center.

Ms. Florence Etefia of 3035 Debra Ct. addressed City Council.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**7a. Board and Commission Minutes**

7a1. Downtown Development Authority, March 25, 2024

7a2. Planning Commission, April 3, 2024

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

**7b. Motion – To approve the CDBG 2024 Lawn Service Contract.**

**RESOLVED: To award the CDBG Lawn Service Program 2024 contract to S & H Lawn and Snow in the amount of \$33,380.00 following CDBG procurement and Public Service contract guidelines.**

**7c. Motion – To approve the Oakland County Tactical Consortium Interlocal Agreement.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the updated Oakland County Tactical Consortium Inter-Local Agreement and to authorize the Chief of Police to sign the agreement.**

**7d. Motion – To adopt the Resolution Supporting the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund.**

**RESOLVED: To adopt the resolution supporting the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund. (Attachment B)**

**Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Ferguson.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.**

**VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 24.04.62**

**Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**9a. Motion – To approve the combined PUD Step One – Qualification / Step Two – Site Plan / Greystone Pickleball Club - Auburn Hills.**

Mr. Lang presented the request from Greystone Pickleball Club to construct a 60,528-sqaure-foot indoor recreational facility and event venue near N. Opdyke and Featherstone Roads. This facility will have 18 indoor courts and the flexibility to host special events with a full kitchen and central gathering area. This facility will have 18% of the required 20% greenspace coverage which is required, making the qualification for this project a PUD. The high-quality landscape plan exceeds the ordinance requirements.

Mr. Patrick Chisholm of Greystone Pickleball Club LLC was present.

There was discussion that included the parking spaces. It was explained that there will be a surplus of parking for this facility and that the business plan will include open play/walk-in use as well as tournaments and other events. It was mentioned that the business plan allows for the facility will be open seven days a week and will be able to host various types of events.

Mr. Lang explained that the PUD qualification is based primarily on the greenspace issue as well as a few other issues that are explained in the packet. He also noted that there is a shared driveway with the Mobile gas station. The shared access and maintenance agreement has already been recorded.

Jason Murphy, 2790 E. Walton Blvd questioned what the pricing on court rental. Mr. Chisholm explained that open play would be a 2-3 hour time slot with \$10 fee but prices will vary. Mayor Marzolf shared that he appreciates the discount being provided to residents.

**Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Ferguson.**

**RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the combined PUD Step One – Concept Plan and PUD Step Two – Site Plan for the Greystone Pickleball Club – Auburn Hills subject to the conditions of the City’s Administrative Review Team.**

**VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 24.04.63**

**Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

9b. Motion – To award a bid for the construction of the Public Square in downtown Auburn Hills.

Mr. Wisser presented the proposed plan to construct the Public Square located south of Auburn Road between the Den and the 3400 Auburn building. This area previously held a temporary pop-up green space which became a popular space with the residents providing a sense of community/ The area has been designed based on the past uses of the space. The scope of work will remove the existing pavement and infrastructure, installing turf, proper drainage, and stage as well as landscape and sight lighting.

The city sought extra funding sources for this project and in 2023 the city was awarded a \$450,000.00 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporations (MEDC) revitalization and place making program. A 50% match was required and \$381,651.00 has been provided by TIFA and \$250,000.00 from the Community Foundation. A budget amendment of \$1,081,651 will be made to reflect these contributions to the Public Square line item in the budget.

It was discussed that this space is being designed with the surrounding residents in mind. The access to the driveway is the same and has not changed. The stage is small in size to be able to accommodate small musical groups or classes. The turf is a high-quality commercial grade turf and will have a maintenance schedule to keep it maintained. It was discussed that at this time there are no seating options, but it is being looked into. Mr. Skopek shared that the DDA has purchased outdoor furniture in the past and it is currently in storage. This would be the first step to introduce that again, the planter boxes are raised so they could be considered a seating option when the furniture is not on the site. People would be encouraged to bring their own seating.

**Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Fletcher.**

**RESOLVED: To award the bid for the construction of the Public Square to Warren Contractors & Development, Inc., Construction Engineering/Observation and Contract Administration Services to OHM Advisors, and Material Testing Services to G2 Consulting for a total project cost not to exceed \$1,081,651. Furthermore, amend the General Fund Capital Projects department budget increasing appropriations and revenues \$1,081,651.**

**VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 24.04.64**

**Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

**10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL**

Mr. Knight thanked the DPW for sharing the snow removal process at the Optimist Club meeting. He also asked about a vacant building in the city. Mr. Tanghe shared that he has spoken with the property owner and information will be forthcoming.

Mr. McDaniel thanked the Police Department for tracking down a hit and run driver as well as for the increase in enforcement for the illegal truck traffic passing through downtown.

Dr. Fletcher questioned the progress at 3325 University Dr. Mr. Lang shared that this is a multi-tenant center with five units and development is still taking place.

Mr. Ferguson shared that the traffic at Premier Car Wash, 941 S. Opdyke has traffic out on the road so to be aware when in that area.

Mayor Marzolf thanked the Fisheries Division of the Michigan DNR for recently stocking Riverside Park with over 600 adult brown trout and for assisting the city with stocking the river for over 30 years.

**11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

**12. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Tanghe shared that he appreciates the funding that is available for the new Public Square project and that it is not coming from a line item in the general fund.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Knight, Seconded by Verbeke.**

**RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.**

**VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 24.04.65**

**Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

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Brain W. Marzolf, Mayor

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Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk



## ATTACHMENT A

# PROCLAMATION

### PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ABB

**WHEREAS,** in 1974 ABB began its journey in what would become the industrial robot era; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1993, ABB opened its North American headquarters facility in Auburn Hills, solidifying their presence in the robotics market; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2015, ABB opened the manufacturing plant becoming the first global industrial robotics company to fully commit to a North American robotics production footprint; and

**WHEREAS,** ABB continues to be on the cutting-edge of robotics technology and supports the production of electric vehicles, medical devices, electronics and even pastries; and

**WHEREAS,** ABB continued to create economic momentum by investing \$20 Million on a recent expansion to their robotics headquarters facility that includes a state-of-the-art Customer Experience Center and training facility; and

**WHEREAS,** Auburn Hills recognizes the significance of ABB's presence in Auburn Hills due to the demand of robotics technology and ABB's commitment to long-term growth in the U.S. market as well as their continued investment.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** it is with the highest regard, that the City of Auburn Hills, through its Mayor and City Council, hereby congratulates ABB on the expansion of their U.S. robotics headquarters and manufacturing facility and for 50 years of robotics innovation.

Hereby presented on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024,  
on behalf of the Auburn Hills City Council.

Brian W. Marzolf, Mayor



## ATTACHMENT B

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS  
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AUBURN HILLS, MI 48326  
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### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATUTORY REVENUE SHARING REFORM “REVENUE SHARING TRUST FUND”

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the City Council Chamber at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 at 7:00 PM, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024. The following resolution was offered by Council Member \_\_\_\_ and seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_:

**WHEREAS,** The City of Auburn Hills, along with other local units of government, rely upon State Revenue Sharing to provide general fund services to its residents; and

**WHEREAS,** State revenue sharing in Michigan is divided into two types: constitutional and statutory, with the latter being subject to legislative appropriations; and

**WHEREAS,** Through the State government’s annual appropriation process, actual statutory revenue-sharing payments to cities, villages, townships, and counties have been below full funding each year since 2001; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2017, for example, the City of Auburn Hills received \$458,735 less in statutory revenue-sharing payments than it did in 2003; and

**WHEREAS,** This reduction in statutory revenue sharing is a cumulative \$8,004,837 over the period beginning in 2003 and ending in 2017, for which the City of Auburn Hills has reliable data from the Michigan Municipal League, that has placed an undue financial strain on the City of Auburn Hills and other Michigan cities, resulting in a reduction of essential services or increased local taxation, both of which adversely affect residents; and

**WHEREAS,** The 2023 State budget allocated \$530 million in Statutory Revenue Sharing to be distributed to all cities, villages, townships, and counties through its annual appropriation process; and

**WHEREAS,** In October 2023, The State House of Representatives voted 106-4 to amend the Michigan Trust Fund Act and the General Sales tax Act, respectively, to establish a “Revenue Sharing Trust Fund” that would distribute money from sales tax revenue to local units of government; and

**WHEREAS,** The act creates a stable and predictable revenue source by dedicating a portion of sales tax revenue for annual statutory revenue sharing payments dedicated for cities, villages, townships, and counties; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and City Council of Auburn Hills hereby ask our State Representatives and Governor Whitmer’s administration to support the adoption of House Bills 4274 and 4275.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk’s Office provide certified copies of this Resolution to State Representatives Carter and Steele, Senator Moss, and Governor Whitmer.

STATE OF MICHIGAN   )  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND )

I, Laura M. 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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 M. Pierce  
City Clerk