



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 19, 2024

CALL TO ORDER & Mayor Marzolf at 12:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

LOCATION: Department of Public Works, Training Room, 1500 Brown Road, Auburn Hills MI

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Ferguson, Fletcher, Knight, Marzolf, and Verbeke

Absent: Council Members Hawkins and McDaniel

Also Present: Assistant City Manager Skopek, City Clerk Pierce, Chief of Police Gagnon, DPW Director Baldante, Asst to Dir./Construction Coord. Lang, Assistant to the City Manager Hagge

6 Guests

- OHM – Tim Juidici, John Katers, Taryn Juidici
- RCOC – Samuel Fitzner, Director of Engineering; Gary Piotrowicz, Deputy Managing Director; Alex Rucinski, Traffic Safety Engineer

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5a. Joslyn Road Discussion with the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC)

Ms. Taryn Juidici presented an overview of the Baldwin Rd, Joslyn Rd, & Brown Rd study. She explained that the study, which finalized its data in 2021, looked at 30 intersections and traffic flow in those three corridors and included consideration of future growth and developments. She confirmed that roundabouts were considered. Mr. Tim Juidici showed photos of the alternatives considered. He noted that the preferred option was to eliminate the left turns.

Concern was expressed with the ramp from southbound 75 to southbound Joslyn as cars turn short of Great Lakes Crossing and onto the ramp. Mr. Rucinski explained that delineators could help, however they work great in the summer, but not in the winter because of snow removal. He noted that there are wrong-way driver detection systems. He stated that it comes down to the ability of the driver to determine where they need to be. There is a need to make that ramp less attractive to the drivers to turn into by adding additional signage and making it more directional.

It was noted that the intersection gets blocked by traffic backing up. Mr. Rucinski explained that SCATS (Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System) uses detection to let the system know that there are cars waiting and adjusts the timing accordingly. If there is a gap in cars, the signal resets to the original pre-determined timeframe. Mr. Piotrowicz noted that they could have engineers look at the system to see how it is operating.

Concern was expressed with the intersection at Joslyn Rd and Sam's Club. Mr. Piotrowicz stated that the Road Commission has no control over developments. By law the RCOC has to give developments access to the roads. Development decisions are determined by the Planning Commission and the City.

Mr. Piotrowicz recommended that a study of that area be done. He suggested that the study be very contained and very focused on one road using current data to come up with the best solutions and cost estimates. It was

noted that MDOT would also have to be involved in the discussion. Mr. Rucinski explained the importance of the traffic impact study.

Mr. Juidici noted that there may be options that could be more easily implemented in the interim. It was suggested that there be signage on the bridge ramp that states what lane needs to be used to go to Great Lakes Crossing.

In response to a comment regarding drainage issues at Joslyn Rd and Brown Rd, Mr. Piotrowicz stated that they will have the engineers look at the road.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 24.07.115

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 PM.

Brain W. Marzolf, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk