



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 7, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor McDaniel at 7:00 PM.

LOCATION:

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

Present: Mayor McDaniel, Council Members Carrier, Cionka, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, and Verbeke

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Skopek, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Clerk Pierce, Chief of Police Gagnon, Fire Chief Massingill, Construction Coordinator Lang, DPW Director Baldante, Mgr of Fleet & Roads Hefner, Mgr of Municipal Properties Wisser, Deputy Treasurer Vittone, Management Assistant Hagge, Engineers Juidici & Driesenga

36 Guests

A workshop session was held prior to the regular City Council meeting at 5:30 PM.

Workshop Topic: Stormwater Issues / Stormwater Utility

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, July 24, 2023.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2023.

VOTE: Yes: Carrier, Cionka, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 23.08.082

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Promotion of Officer Chad Taylor to the rank of Detective

Chief Gagnon provided accolades of Detective Chad Taylor and shared that not only has he taken on additional duties and responsibilities, he has been successful in solving violent crimes.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Tax Increment Finance Authority, July 11, 2023

7a2. Tax Increment Finance Authority Special Meeting, July 25, 2023

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

7b. Motion – To receive the AndCo Consulting 2nd Quarter Cash Management Investment Performance Review.

RESOLVED: To receive and file the AndCo Consulting 2nd quarter Cash Management Investment Performance Review.

7c. Motion – To approve the purchase of seven replacement vehicles.

RESOLVED: To amend the 2023 fleet vehicle budget and approve the purchase of the seven vehicles listed above for \$224,755.00 from LaFontaine Ford of Lansing, MI. (Attachment A)

7d. Motion – To approve a change order for asphalt path repairs and budget amendments for the Veterans Memorial project.

RESOLVED: To approve a change order to Best Asphalt in the amount of \$83,033.50 for asphalt resurfacing. Further, to approve budget amendments increasing General Fund appropriations \$344,591.49 in the Capital Projects department and increasing Tree Fund appropriations \$27,273.01.

7e. Motion – To approve carpet replacement at the Police Department.

RESOLVED: To approve a contract with Solar Carpet of Redford, Michigan for the replacement of carpeting at the Police Department for \$34,834.20.

7f. Motion – To approve design work for Fire Station 2 Modernization Project.

RESOLVED: To approve design work for the Modernization of Fire Station 2 by Spicer Group utilizing funding approved by the Tax Increment Finance Authority in the meeting on July 25, 2023.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Cionka.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Yes: Carrier, Cionka, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 23.08.083

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8a. Motion – To consider non-renewal of Comfort Suites hotel license.

Ms. Pierce provided an update on the progress being made at Comfort Suites. Chief Massingill shared that while there are a few lingering issues at this location, Comfort Suites did provide inspection reports which satisfy the alarm and sprinkler issues. The current area of concern is that the panel is still listing a number of trouble areas. While the alarm system does work, the panel as a component of the system, indicating where there is trouble and one of those areas of trouble is the backup line, which a cellular radio should alleviate those concerns.

Mr. Lang shared that at the last meeting there were three outstanding violations that were considered immediate life-safety concerns. However, to date, the open electrical has been resolved and the railings are 98% repaired. Mr. Harwood is in the process of finishing up those repairs, however the weather was a factor in completion. The open building permits due still exist however the electrical issues have been resolved and the area of the building that has immediate life and safety concerns are not open to the public. Mr. Lang shared that to his knowledge the areas that were closed but still being utilized are now closed and not being utilized.

Mr. Stoychoff, attorney, and Mr. Harwood, representing Comfort Suites, were present. Mr. Harwood stated that the remaining issues with the alarm panel is due to the phone line.

Mayor McDaniel asked for further clarification with regards to the trouble as it relates to the fire alarm. Mr. Harwood explained that one of the indications of the trouble was in the common area where the sprinkler heads were painted over. To remedy this, the control valves were shut down. He stated that the painted sprinkler heads in the rooms were remedied today and are now operational.

He further explained that the other trouble was with the phone line. A new panel had been purchased and that they are at the discretion of the fire alarm people for installation but that the primary line was still operating but that the second phone line is precautionary.

It was clarified that the fire watch program is no longer in operation due to the Fire Department finding approval with the alarm system.

Mr. Stoychoff reported that once all the violations are corrected, the sale of the property will take place.

Moved by Carrier, Seconded by Cionka.

RESOLVED: To grant Comfort Suites an extension to allow the hotel additional time to address each violation as stated in the staff reports. Further, if the violations have not been fully addressed, the hotel representative is required to report back to City Council at the August 21, 2023 City Council Meeting.

VOTE: Yes: Carrier, Cionka, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 23.08.084

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Public Hearing / Motion – To approve the resolution for the Proposed Street Name Change of Phillips Road to Bald Mountain Road, North of Walton Boulevard with an effective date of October 1, 2023.

Mr. Lang presented the proposed name change of Phillips Road to Bald Mountain Road. This change is to benefit public health and safety concerns and to enhance wayfinding for motorists and delivery services. The City will send a notice to property owners, so they are able to make changes to their property addresses. The post office has already been contacted for a smooth transition for the residents. Road signage changes will take place after the approval of the name change.

Mayor McDaniel opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 PM

Hearing no comment, Mayor McDaniel closed the Public Hearing at 7:35 PM.

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Carrier.

RESOLVED: To approve the resolution for the proposed street name change of Phillips Road to Bald Mountain Road, north of Walton Boulevard, effective October 1, 2023.

VOTE: Yes: Carrier, Cionka, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 23.08.085

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Marzolf – He thanked staff for working on the hotel concerns. He commented on the excellent summer activities in the city.

Mr. Knight – He is interested in getting a report on the success of the Feed Your Soul event. He provided a report from the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Mr. Cionka – He congratulated Mr. Taylor on his promotion.

Mr. Hawkins – He also congratulated Detective Taylor. He shared that he appreciated the work completed to purchase the city vehicles from Stellantis but understands the need to change companies at this time. He thanked DPW and staff for the work on Feed Your Soul.

Mr. Carrier – He also congratulated Detective Taylor. He encouraged people to attend the Concerts in the Park series.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Tanghe – He commented that budget talks are taking place at this time and the report will be coming o City Council in September. He announced that there is an extra concert that has been added and this is to celebrate the City's 40th Anniversary. The concert will be held on August 17th.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:44 PM.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

Budgeted within the 2023 and 2024 Fleet Operating Budgets is the replacement of 5 vehicles and addition of 2 vehicles included within the chart below.

Current Vehicle					New Vehicle			Budget Year	Price
Asset ID	Year	Make	Model	Mileage	Year	Make	Model		
AB904	2012	RAM	1500	96,418	2024	Ford	Maverick	2023	\$ 31,921
AB905	2014	RAM	1500	99,371	2024	Ford	Maverick	2023	\$ 31,921
NEW CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER					2024	Ford	Maverick	2023	\$ 31,921
AF1507	2015	RAM	1500 Quad	55,317	2024	Ford	Maverick	2024	\$ 32,357
AF1902	2019	Dodge	Durango	97,583	2024	Ford	Maverick	2024	\$ 32,357
NEW FIRE INSPECTOR					2024	Ford	Maverick	2024	\$ 32,357
AD1612	2016	Jeep	Cherokee	72,841	2024	Ford	Maverick	2024	\$ 31,921
								Total:	\$224,755

ATTACHMENT B

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGE OF PHILLIPS ROAD FROM BALD MOUNTAIN ROAD, NORTH OF WALTON BOULEVARD

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 7th day of August 2023, the following resolution was offered by Councilperson Hawkins and seconded by Councilperson Carrier:

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn Hills has initiated action to rename the public road from Phillips Road to Bald Mountain Road, north of Walton Boulevard;

WHEREAS, a roundabout was constructed at the previous intersection of Phillips Road and Shimmons Road, connecting this intersection to Lapeer Road;

WHEREAS, the previous vehicle access from Bald Mountain Road to Lapeer Road has been permanently closed;

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on August 7, 2023, to receive comments and consider the proposed street name change per the City's Code of Ordinances;

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that renaming the entire length of Phillips Road, north of Walton Boulevard, is in the best interest of public health and safety as it would create a clear and continual street name for the entire public roadway once complete. The new street name would assist in rapid property identification by emergency first responders and improve traffic navigation for the general population.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills approves and authorizes the renaming of Phillips Road, north of Walton Boulevard. Said portion of the roadway is shown on Exhibit A. The street name change will officially be implemented on October 1, 2023.

AYES: 7
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

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 7th day of August 2023, the original of which is on file in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this ____ day of _____, 2023.

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk