



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

NOVEMBER 20, 2023

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AT 7:00 PM

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected City Council Members.

CALL TO ORDER &: City Clerk Pierce at 7:02 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, Fire Chief Massingill, Director of Recreation and Senior Services Adcock, Program Coordinator Reis, DPW Director Baldante, Mgr of Fleet & Roads Hefner, Mgr of Municipal Properties Wisser, Community Development Director Cohen, Construction Coordinator Lang, Management Assistant Hagge, Engineers Juidici & Driesenga

25 Guests

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR

Moved by McDaniel:

RESOLVED: To nominate Eugene Hawkins for Mayor.

Mr. Hawkins did not accept the nomination.

Mr. McDaniel stated that he was disappointed that Mr. Hawkins declined the nomination. He stated that he was originally not going to seek reelection and when it appeared nobody else was going to file for the two year term, he did. Mr. McDaniel stated that he was excited about the thought of Mr. Hawkins taking on the role of Mayor and was looking forward to making that nomination.

Moved by Knight:

RESOLVED: To nominate Kevin McDaniel for Mayor.

Mr. McDaniel accepted the nomination.

Moved by Hawkins:

RESOLVED: To nominate Brian Marzolf for Mayor.

Mr. Marzolf accepted the nomination.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To close the nominations for the position of Mayor.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 23.11.132

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR:

McDaniel: 3 (Knight, McDaniel, Verbeke)

Marzolf: 4 (Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Marzolf)

Resolution No. 23.11.133

Motion carried to elect Mr. Marzolf as Mayor.

Mr. Marzolf thanked his Council colleagues for their support and stated that he looks forward to working together as a team and to continue the great things that are happening in Auburn Hills.

Mr. Knight expressed his support for Mr. Marzolf as Mayor.

5. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Moved by Marzolf:

RESOLVED: To nominate Eugene Hawkins for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mr. Hawkins accepted the nomination.

Moved by Knight:

RESOLVED: To nominate Kevin McDaniel for Mayor Pro Tem.

Mr. McDaniel did not accept the nomination.

Moved by McDaniel:

RESOLVED: To nominate Cheryl Verbeke for Mayor Pro Tem.

Ms. Verbeke accepted the nomination.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To close the nominations for the position of Mayor.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 23.11.134

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR PRO TEM:

Hawkins: 5 (Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Marzolf, Verbeke)

Verbeke: 2 (Knight, McDaniel)

Resolution No. 23.11.135

Motion carried to elect Mr. Hawkins as Mayor Pro Tem.

Mr. Hawkins thanked his Council colleagues for their support for the position of Mayor Pro Tem and stated that he is humbled and honored to take on this leadership role.

City Clerk Pierce recessed the meeting at 7:12 PM.

Mayor Marzolf reconvened the meeting at 7:23 PM.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6a. City Council Workshop Minutes, November 6, 2023.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Workshop Minutes of November 6, 2023.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 23.11.136

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

6b. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, November 6, 2023.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2023.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 23.11.137

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

7. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Florence Etefia of 3035 Debra Court, Auburn Hills was present.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

9a. Motion – To approve the 2024 Non-Union Wage Chart.

RESOLVED: To adopt the 2024 Non-Union Wage Schedule.

9b. Motion – To approve the installation of the Community Center kitchen equipment.

RESOLVED: To authorize the installation of new kitchen equipment in the Community Center.

9c. Motion – To approve the Performance Resolution for work on State Highway Right-Of-Way required by MDOT.

RESOLVED: To approve the Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies as required by MDOT for the purposes of receiving the 2024 Annual Construction Permit for miscellaneous operations within the State highway right-of-way.

9d. Motion – To approve the purchase of two replacement vehicles for the Police Department.

RESOLVED: To amend the 2023 fleet vehicle budget and approve the purchase of the two vehicles listed above for \$63,978.00 from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram FIAT of Lansing, MI under the MiDEAL contract #071B7700183.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 23.11.138

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

11a. Motion – To approve the OHM Scope of Design Services and G2 Geotechnical Services for the Shimmons Curve/Dexter Road Reconstruction & Water Main Improvements.

Mr. Hefner shared that discussion of a redesign for the Shimmons Road curve between Dexter and Grove Lane has been ongoing since 2013. He stated that this project has not been able to take place due to ownership of the road right of way. This redesign will help to ease the sharpness of the curve and sight lines especially near the Oakland Christian School. The Oakland Christian School contacted the City and shared that they secured ownership of the right of way and were interested in giving the City rights to the road right of way for the purpose of fixing the concerns with the road. A memorandum of understanding outlining the project and proposed land exchanges has been drafted to allow the project to move forward.

In addition to the mentioned safety concerns, DPW is suggesting the design of Dexter Road be added to this project which will limit any disruptions to the residents and save money for the city. The plans for this reconstruction will include new base material for the Dexter Road, storm drainage improvements, curb cuts, new asphalt as well as sidewalks along Oakland Christian Schools that will tie into the City sidewalk network.

Council asked that the design be looked at to ensure that any drainage issues to the west of this area be alleviated.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To approve the budget amendments to the 2023 local roads and water funds listed above, the OHM Advisors scope of design services, and G2 geotechnical services for the Shimmons Curve/Dexter Road Reconstruction & Water Main Improvements which will include the design of portions of Shimmons Road, Dexter Road, and Dexter Road water main. (Attachment A)

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

No: None

Resolution No. 23.11.139

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

11b. Motion – To approve the OHM Advisors Scope of Design Services and G2 Geotechnical Services for the 2024 Local Road Reconstruction Program.

Mr. Hefner presented the design for the Hunt Club subdivision and stated that the area is in need of a road upgrade as well as the draining structure. The project will include milling and an overlay with asphalt if the right profiles allow.

He stated that the projects will be completed sooner due to road conditions. He noted that the reconstruction of Superior Court will be a special assessment district.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To approve the budget amendments to the 2023 local roads fund listed above, the OHM Advisors scope of design services, and G2 geotechnical services for the 2024 Local Road Reconstruction Program which will include the design of the Hunt Club subdivision, Perry Walton subdivision and Superior Court. (Attachment B)

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

No: None

Resolution No. 23.11.140

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

12. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Knight shared the events that take place at the Community Center for the seniors and encouraged participation in the programs. He shared that Mayor Marzolf and himself were in attendance of a dedication at the American Legion presented by an Eagle Scout. He concluded by sharing that the Veterans Memorial has come along nicely and will be dedicated early next year.

Mr. Hawkins congratulated Mayor Marzolf on this new position and shared that he is looking forward to working with him. He welcomed Dr. Fletcher and Mr. Ferguson and shared that he has met many people and has been enlightened with those he spoke with.

Ms. Verbeke congratulated Mayor Marzolf and Mayor Pro Tem Hawkins.

Dr. Fletcher congratulated everyone that was elected or reelected to City Council and thanked everyone their support.

Mr. Ferguson also thanked everyone for their support and specifically thanked his family.

Mayor Marzolf thanked the City for their support and thanked everyone that ran for City Council. He thanked City Clerk Pierce for the smooth election process and congratulated those that won their reelection as well as the new members.

13. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

14. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Tanghe congratulated everyone and shared that he looks forward to working with everyone that has been elected to the City Council. He shared that City Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving weekend and announced the 30th annual Tree Lighting on Dec. 1st.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Brain W. Marzolf, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the approval of the OHM Advisors scope of design services and G2 geotechnical services for the Shimmons Curve/Dexter Road Reconstruction & Water Main Improvements which will include the design of portions of Shimmons Road, Dexter Road, and Dexter Road water main. Staff also recommends approval of the following budget amendments to the 2023 local roads fund: \$24,000 to 202-452-973.000-SHIMDEXCURVE, \$71,000 to 203-453-973.000-DEXTR_N_WLTN, and \$60,000 to 592-536-971.002-DEXTR_N_WLTN.

ATTACHMENT B

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the approval of the OHM Advisors scope of design services and G2 geotechnical services for the 2024 Local Road Reconstruction Program which will include the design of the Hunt Club subdivision, Perry Walton subdivision and Superior Court. Staff also recommends approval of the following budget amendments to the 2023 local roads fund: \$17,000 to 203-453-973.000-HUNTCLUBXXXX, \$41,500 to 203-453-973.000-ZEL_HAT_GLEN, and \$46,500 to 203-453-973.000-SUPERIOR_SAD.