



# CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

## City Council Workshop

### Minutes

FEBRUARY 3, 2025

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Marzolf at 5:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Admin Conference Room, City Hall, 1827 N. Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Present: Mayor Marzolf, Council Members Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, McDaniel and Verbeke

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Skopek, City Attorney Beckerleg, Clerk Pierce, Community Development Director Cohen, Asst Dir of Community Development Lang, Chief of Police Gagnon, Fire Chief Massingill, Economic Development Mgr Carroll, DPW Director Baldante, Assistant to the Manager Hagge, Engineer Juidici

1 Guest

Workshop Topic: E-mobility

Mr. Lang presented an overview of e-mobility. He discussed electric mobility devices on sidewalks, trails, and other public places. He summarized the state and local law as it pertains to e-bikes, electric personal assistive mobility devices, and electric skateboards/scooters. He reviewed the staff recommendation regarding regulation of these devices.

Mr. Lang discussed the City policy on other power-driven mobility devices (OPDMD) designed primarily for use by an individual with a mobility disability. He reviewed the federal statute regarding OPDMD. He explained the staff recommendation to adopt an OPDMD policy in order to provide clear, safe direction regarding what OPDMDs can be reasonably accommodated.

Discussion ensued regarding OPDMDs. Concern was expressed that these devices could be driven on the sidewalk, close to pedestrians, especially during events downtown. It was pointed out that they would have to be driven at walking speed and only by an individual with a mobility disability. Mr. Lang explained that there are provisions that could be enacted to require the OPDMD driver to provide a signal and yield to pedestrians.

Mr. Lang discussed the difference between golf carts and low-speed vehicles. He addressed the state law pertaining to these vehicles when operated on neighborhood streets. Mr. Lang noted that a golf cart could be considered a low-speed vehicle if it had all the safety equipment which makes a golf cart meet the same criteria as a low-speed vehicle.

Discussion ensued. Council commented that they would rather have a policy for enforcement purposes and for the public to know the regulations.

The workshop adjourned at 6:47 PM.

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Brian W. Marzolf, Mayor

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Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk