



AUBURN HILLS MEETING SCHEDULE

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JULY 2025

DAY	TITLE	TIME	LOCATION
7	City Council Meeting	7:00 PM	Council Chamber 1827 N. Squirrel Road
8	Tax Increment Finance Authority	4:00 PM	Administrative Conference Room 1827 N. Squirrel Road
9	Planning Commission	7:00 PM	CANCELLED
10	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 PM	CANCELLED
14	Downtown Development Authority	5:30 PM	CANCELLED
14	Library Board	7:00 PM	Auburn Hills Public Library 3400 Seyburn Drive
15	Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	6:00 PM	Administrative Conference Room 1827 N. Squirrel Road
21	City Council Meeting	7:00 PM	Council Chamber 1827 N. Squirrel Road
22	Board of Review	11:00 AM	Administrative Conference Room 1827 N. Squirrel Road

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CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025

Regular City Council Meeting ♦ 7:00 PM

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

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, June 16, 2025

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program Presentation

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Public Safety Advisory Committee, May 27, 2025

7a2. Tax Increment Finance Authority, June 10, 2025

7a3. Downtown Development Authority, June 23, 2025

7b. Motion – To Approve the Prepayment for the Walnut Corrective Action Plan Project

7c. Motion – To Approve an Interlocal Agreement to Participate in the Oakland County Human Trafficking Task Force

7d. Motion – To Approve an Interlocal Agreement to Participate in the Oakland County SWAT Team

7e. Motion – To authorize the Mayor to execute a joint and cooperative agreement for public works mutual aid authority

7f. Motion – to Authorize the Submittal of the Official Ballot for the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF AUBURN HILLS CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING DATE: JUNE 16, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NO 4A.
CITY COUNCIL MEETING



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

JUNE 16, 2025

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, Asst City Manager Skopek, City Attorney Kelly, City Clerk Pierce, Fire Chief Massingill, Police Lieutenant Hesse, Community Development Director Cohen, Asst Dir of Community Development Lang, DPW Director Baldante, Mgr of Fleet & Roads Hefner, Finance Director/Treasurer Schulz, Community Engagement Mgr. Passalacqua, Asst to the Mgr Hagge, Engineer Driesenga

13 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, June 2, 2025

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2025.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.06.103

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Motion - To confirm the appointment of Dominic Patrus to the Planning Commission.

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Dominic Patrus to the Planning Commission to fulfill the remainder of a three-year term vacated by Laura Ochs, ending on July 31, 2026.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.06.104

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5b-5d. Motion - To confirm the reappointments to the Planning Commission.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To confirm the reappointments of Cynthia Pavlich, Dominick Tringali, and Carolyn Shearer to the Planning Commission, each for an additional three-year term ending on July 31, 2028.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.06.105

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Newell of 3660 Tienken Rd, shared his concerns with the proposed Tienken Road pavement and sidewalk project.

Rhonda Daniel of 3620 Tienken shared her concerns with the pavement and sidewalk project on Tienken Road.

Mayor Marzolf commented that sidewalks are needed for pedestrian safety, especially when walking across the street and this project will make the city more walkable.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, May 20, 2025

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

7b. Motion – To receive the 2024 Retirement System Annual Report.

RESOLVED: To receive and file the 2024 Retirement System Annual Report.

7c. Motion – To enter into a service plan agreement for website hosting with WP Engine and award a contract to Inside Out for website maintenance.

RESOLVED: To enter into a service plan agreement with WP Engine for website maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$10,200 for a one-year period and to award a contract for website maintenance to Inside Out in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. Also, approve a budget amendment to increase appropriations by \$9,200 in the 2025 IT Department budget. Furthermore, the City Manager is authorized to execute the professional services agreements on behalf of the City.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.06.106

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To award the 2025 Concrete Maintenance Program Construction Contract, Construction Engineering/Observation and Contract Administration Services to OHM Advisors, and Material Testing Services to G2 Consulting.

Mr. Hefner provided an overview of the proposed project. The project budget is over cost, therefore needing a budget amendment to complete the project properly. The citywide sidewalks will be completed as part of the project due to trip hazards in the sidewalks caused by city owned trees.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To approve the budget amendments listed in the body of the memo totaling \$113,301.70 and to award the 2025 Concrete Maintenance Program construction contract to OCG Companies LLC, Construction Engineering/ Observation and Contract Administration Services to OHM Advisors, and Material Testing Services to G2 Consulting Group for an estimated total cost of \$1,338,346.98.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.06.107

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9b. Motion – To award the 2025 Asphalt Program Construction Contract, Construction Engineering/Observation and Contract Administration Services to OHM Advisors, and Material Testing Services to G2 Consulting.

Mr. Hefner provided information regarding the reconstruction project that is to take place on Tienken Road and Simmons Circle as well as a short-term pavement of the 300 feet of North Squirrel Road from Dutton Road south. It was shared that representatives from OHM spoke with residents prior to the bidding of this project. He shared that storm drainage will be addressed with this project and tree replacement will also take place. He explained that the city applied for and was awarded a grant from the Federal Government for the redesign of this project. However, the overall project cost requires a budget amendment.

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$150,000 as indicated in the staff recommendation section of this memo. Also move to award the 2025 Asphalt Program construction contract to Asphalt Specialties, LLC, Construction Engineering/ Observation and Contract Administration Services to OHM Advisors, Material Testing Services to G2 Consulting Group for an estimated total cost of \$2,305,677.93.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.06.108

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Knight complimented those that were involved with all the events from the past weekend.

Mr. McDaniel shared his appreciation for the DPW staff and the way they take care of the parks.

Ms. Verbeke and Dr. Fletcher shared that they attended an Active Shooter Assailant Conference and encouraged all to attend in the future.

Mr. Ferguson also commented on the cleanliness of the parks.

Mr. Hawkins commended those that organized the Fishing Derby.

Mayor Marzolf shared the opening of the Public Square and the Summerfest festivities that are coming up.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Tanghe recognized Dr. Sumit Dinda and his 25 years of serving the community and Oakland University.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.06.109

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Brian W. Marzolf, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING DATE: JULY 7, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7a1.

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

"Not yet approved"

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

**PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY
COMMISSION MEETING**

May 27th, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ron Moniz called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Gail Cartwright, Present
Mr. Donearl Johnson, Present
Mr. Eugene Hawkins, Present
Mr. Jay Boelter, Present
Mr. Ron Moniz, Present

Also Present: Fire Chief Adam Massingill
Assistant Chief Trevin Robinson
Administrative Officer Owen Milks
Police Chief Ryan Gagnon
Lt. Michelle Hesse
Fire Department Clerk Dawn Schultz

LOCATION: Community Center Seyburn Room B.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: HAWKINS moved to approve the minutes from February 25th, 2025 with no corrections.

Supported by CARTWRIGHT.

VOTE: Yes: All
No: None

Motion carried (5-0)

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

COMMUNICATIONS (PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Consider the Approval to Purchase one 2026 Wheeled Coach Ambulance.** This item was presented by Fire Department Administrative Officer Owen Milks.
 - a. AHFD currently operates 3 front line ambulances and 1 reserve. Looking to replace the reserve.
 - b. The reserve is a 2015 vehicle with over 130,000 miles on it.
 - c. Sourcewell provided a quote of \$425,289.
 - d. The vehicle can be provided within 10 to 12 months from the date of order through Emergency Vehicles Plus.
 - e. Majik Graphics will provide the decaling for \$3,375.
 - f. DPW prefers to remove vehicles from service at the 80,000-mile mark.
 - g. DPW recommends replacing rescues every 2 years until we get on a cycle for the rescues to be replaced at the 80,000-mile mark.

Discussion with questions and answers ensued including which rescue would then be moved to reserve, where rescues are currently located, standardization of all rescues currently in service, maintaining the same layout, warranty, and the DPW fleet replacement schedule.

Motion: JOHNSON moved to recommend to the City Council the purchase of one 2026 Wheeled Coach Ambulance from Emergency Vehicle Plus in the amount of \$425,289.00, and associated decal and graphic work by Majik Graphics in the amount of \$3,375.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$428,664.00, to be paid from the Fleet Division of the Department of Public Works, GL #661-594-981.000.

Supported by BOELTER.

VOTE: Yes: All
No: None

Motion carried (5-0)

- b. **Consider the Approval to Purchase Radar Speed Display/Changeable Message Sign Trailer.** This item was presented by Police Chief Ryan Gagnon.
 - a. PD currently has 2 message sign trailers.
 - b. The oldest one is 11 years old and has maintenance issues.
 - c. BidNet Direct post resulted in a bid from Applied Concepts, Inc. for \$20,884.
 - d. PD has a positive past experience with purchases from this company.
 - e. Remote capabilities to program the sign.
 - f. Solar Powered
 - g. 5-year warranty
 - h. Utilized to reduce speeds and for special events.

Discussion with questions and answers ensued including number needed, subscription based, can cancel at any time, and number and locations of signs currently being used.

Motion: CARTWRIGHT moved to recommend to the City Council the purchase of a new radar speed display/changeable message sign trailer from Applied Concepts Inc. in an amount, not to exceed \$20,884.00.

Supported by BOELTER.

VOTE: Yes: All
No: None

Motion carried (5-0)

- c. Consider the Approval to Purchase Microphones for Motorola Radios.** This item was presented by Police Chief Ryan Gagnon.
- a. August of 2023, new radios were received from Oakland County.
 - b. Microphones were provide but are difficult to hear in loud environments.
 - c. Budgeted money to enhance the microphones through forfeiture funds.
 - d. Motorola, through Oakland County, has current competitive pricing with Mobile Communications America (MCA). Competitive pricing is through that bid.
 - e. Microphones were tested and approved by staff.
 - f. Wireless/Bluetooth capabilities.

Discussion with questions and answers ensued including remaining value in county supplied equipment, amount available in drug forfeiture fund, funds rolling over, funds not able to be placed in general fund.

Motion: HAWKINS moved to recommend to the City Council the purchase of 10 Motorola APX wireless speaker microphones and 40 Motorola XVP830 corded speaker microphones from Mobile Communications America under the Oakland County Bid for an amount not to exceed \$19,350.00.

Supported by BOELTER.

VOTE: Yes: All
No: None

Motion carried (5-0)

REPORTS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS

- a. Fire Department Report.** Chief Adam Massingill presented the Fire Department Report.
- a. Station remodels for Station 1 and 3 should be completed in 6 months. Station 2 can begin by the end of the year.
 - b. Midpoint inspection on new ladder truck first week of June.
 - c. New command vehicle approved by city council. This will replace the old command vehicle-a 2015 Dodge Ram with 100,000 miles that has just been taken out of service due to mechanical issues.
 - d. Dashboards provided to committee members on service data.
 - e. As of April 1st, 65% of overtime budget has been used.
 - f. Staffing struggles-administration often covers nights, weekends and holidays.
 - i. 1 conditional offer extended for a suppression position.
 - ii. 2 suppression personnel injured.
 - iii. 1 part-time admin position resignation.
 - iv. 3 part-time personnel graduating from paramedic class in the next month.
 - v. EMS Workforce Grant-another \$360,000 requested to add 15 more part-time personnel.
 - vi. Safer Grant-staffing grant just opened after a delay by FEMA.
 - vii. Working with the city manager's office to reevaluate additional positions.

Discussion with questions and answers ensued regarding AO Milks 25-year anniversary, electric vehicle fire training, fire blankets, call volume increases, staffing issues, Gary Chapman's retirement, overtime budget, cost of paramedic training, and assistance from city council with regard to staffing issues.

- b. Police Department Report.** Police Chief Ryan Gagnon presented the Police Department Report.
- a. 1st quarter was busy
 - i. Organized retail fraud at the mall.
 - ii. Child drowning.
 - iii. Stabbing incident at the high school.
 - iv. Human trafficking case.
 - v. Barricaded person/mental health crisis.
 - vi. Armed robbery of a marijuana delivery driver.
 - vii. Murder/suicide at Holiday Inn.
 - viii. Retail fraud at mall-first degree resisting and obstructing arrest.
 - ix. Child sex abuse arrest.
 - x. Possession of meth arrest.
 - xi. Assisted Troy PD at shooting at the hospital.
 - b. Celebrate Officer Saikalis-American Legion Officer of the Year
 - c. Awards Banquet.
 - d. Platoons all have 6 officers assigned with a supervisor.
 - e. Officer Mahon rotating back to Community Engagement Officer.
 - f. 1 Officer off on restricted duty.
 - g. Discussing assigning an officer to Oakland County's Human Trafficking Task Force.
 - h. 1 officer hired with 12 years' experience and 2 more graduating from the academy.
 - i. Currently have 4 positions open.
 - j. Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Program Assessment-100% compliance. Expect to be re-accredited in June.
 - k. Chik-Fil-A-no traffic issues.
 - l. Retired Chief Jack Dalton passed away.
 - m. Staff going through annual Use of Force Training.

Discussion with questions and answers ensued regarding Chik-Fil-A, 2-hour parking downtown, awards banquet, positive culture in the department, Skip Taylor award invitation, Stay Bright program, engagement with neighborhoods, city's draw for experienced officers, wages and training, and unique opportunities in the city.

Motion: HAWKINS motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Supported by JOHNSON.

VOTE: Yes: All
No: None

Motion carried (5-0)

ADJOURNMENT 6:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dawn Schultz
Fire Department Clerk



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING DATE: JULY 7, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7a2.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

**“Not Yet Approved”
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
TAX INCREMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY MEETING**

June 10, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Kneffel called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

ROLL CALL: Present: Kneffel, Goodhall, Ferro, Barash, Gudmundsen, Moniz, Fletcher
Absent: Waltenspiel, Eldredge
Also Present: Brandon Skopek, Assistant City Manager/Executive Director; Andrew Hagge, Assistant to the City Manager
Guests: None

LOCATION: Administrative Conference Room, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. TIFA Regular Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2025

There was no discussion on the approval of the minutes.

**Moved by Mr. Goodhall to approve the TIFA Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2025, as presented.
Seconded by Dr. Fletcher**

**Yes: Kneffel, Goodhall, Gudmundsen, Moniz, Fletcher
No: none**

CORRESPONDENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. FY 2025 Adopted Budget and YTD Summary – May 31, 2025

Mr. Moniz moved to pull the FY 2025 Adopted Budget and YTD Summary – May 31, 2025, from the Consent Agenda. As a result, the agenda item now became the first agenda item under “New Business.”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS**A. FY 2025 Adopted Budget and YTD Summary – May 31, 2025**

Mr. Moniz asked clarifying questions regarding the Site Improvement Grants line item within the TIF-B budget. Mr. Skopek explained that it is due to the carryover of the grant that was awarded to Greystone Pickleball in 2024, which was later amended to impact the 2025 budget.

Moved by Mr. Moniz to receive and file the TIFA Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2025.

Seconded by Mr. Goodhall

Yes: Kneffel, Goodhall, Gudmundsen, Moniz, Fletcher
No: None

Motion Carried

B. Purchase of Downtown Streetscape Furniture

Mr. Hagge presented the agenda item regarding the purchase of downtown streetscape furniture. Mr. Hagge explained that the furniture includes benches, trash cans, and bike racks for the downtown area. Additionally, the Auburn Hills DPW would be responsible for the removal of the old furniture and the installation of the new furniture. The board asked questions about what will happen to the old furniture, and Mr. Hagge explained that it will be a case-by-case basis depending on the quality of the piece. Because of the varying quality of the pieces of furniture being replaced, some will have to be thrown out, while others can be repurposed elsewhere in the community.

Moved by Mr. Moniz to approve the purchase of Downtown Streetscape Furniture under the OMNIA contract from Landscape Forms at a cost not-to-exceed \$73,965.64. Furthermore, authorize a budget amendment to the 2025 TIF-A budget increasing appropriations by \$73,965.64 in support of this purchase.

Seconded by Dr. Fletcher

Yes: Kneffel, Goodhall, Gudmundsen, Moniz, Fletcher, Ferro
No: None

Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Skopek updated the Board regarding the future of The DEN. Mr. Skopek has met with select city staff and engineering consultants regarding the necessary architectural support work that needs to be done. Additionally, Mr. Skopek announced that he will be resigning from his position as Executive Director of the TIFA. As a part of succession planning efforts, Mr. Hagge will step into the role of Executive Director. The formal process will take place during the July TIFA Board Meeting.

Mr. Skopek provided an update on Alo's Sports Bar to the Board, reporting that interior work at the site has begun. Additionally, Mr. Skopek told the Board that an Italian restaurant will be going into Dr. Buatti's building, which also contains his practice, Oakland Hills Dermatology.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Goodhall inquired about installing a bench, or something similar, outside of City Hall, which would better accommodate those coming and going from City Hall via Uber, or another ride sharing company.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled TIFA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room in City Hall at, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Goodhall to adjourn the TIFA Board meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Moniz

Yes: Kneffel, Goodhall, Gudmundsen, Moniz, Fletcher, Ferro, Barash

No: None

Motion carried

The TIFA Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Steve Goodhall
Secretary of the Board

Andrew Hagge
Assistant to the City Manager



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING DATE: JULY 7, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7a3.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

“Not Yet Approved”
CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
WORKSHOP MEETING
June 23, 2025

LOCATION: Auburn Hills City Hall – Administrative Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Young called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:	Young, Jernigan, Mayor Marzolf, Wayne, Townsend
Absent:	Wise, Bachan, Gaton
Also Present:	Stephanie Carroll, Economic Development Manager; Eveonne Roberts, Downtown Engagement Specialist
Guests:	Cristina Sheppard-Decius

Workshop Topic: Strategic Planning & Board Training

Ms. Sheppard-Decius facilitated a discussion on the DDA’s Strategic Planning goals. She reviewed the DDA’s Mission, Vision and Values, along with feedback from the stakeholder meetings that took place two weeks prior. The Board reviewed the feedback and discussed priorities and how they fit into the Committee Roles. The Board discussed priorities and how they will achieve the goals. The group ranked the 3-5 year goals and Ms. Sheppard-Decius will provide a report that outlines the next steps in the strategic planning process and present to the board at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Eveonne Roberts
Downtown Engagement Specialist



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING DATE: JULY 7, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7B.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager; Jason Deman, Manager of Public Utilities
Submitted: June 20, 2025
Subject: Motion – To Approve the Prepayment for the Walnut Corrective Action Plan Project

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

Sanitary System Overflows, or SSO's, are a damaging mark on a sewer system, and can be harmful to the environment, humans, and the pocketbooks of the nearby communities that may have to pay for cleanup costs. The Evergreen Farmington Sanitary Drain District (EFSDD) has been under an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) for some time, which outlines the steps needed to rehabilitate the system to get it into proper working order. The Walnut Lake No.1 project is part of this plan to close out the ACO and get the system into compliance. This pump station, nearby manholes, siphons, and force mains need improvements and re-working to create uninterrupted flow from the station down the interceptor. Currently, there are hydraulic issues that cause the station not to operate at peak efficiency. The bulk of the work will commence at the corner of 8 Mile and Southfield Rd. A few slides of information regarding this project are Attachment 1 to this memo.

Since the City is a small contributor of flow to the sewer system, we are obliged to pay a portion of the improvements to said system. All communities that tie to the system are obligated to do the same, because any improvements will benefit all members of the system. The City of Auburn Hills is obligated to pay .46% of all projects within the EFSDD through the Service Agreement with the County.

The estimates for the cost of this project have fluctuated a lot over the past year and a half. It started out at a \$20M estimate, then fell to a \$10M estimate, and finally landed around \$14M. Since this project is currently estimated at \$14M, that puts Auburn Hills' portion at \$64,400. The letter from the County with information on the project and the assessment for Auburn Hills specifically is Attachment 2 to this memo.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Since this project is essential to the health of the sewer system and required by the ACO, Staff recommends paying the City's full portion up front, as to avoid any interest charges that would accrue over the next 20 years. The amount budgeted was based on the \$10M estimate, therefore a budget amendment of \$18,400 will be needed to GL 592.535.991.000 to cover the balance.

MOTION

Move to Approve Prepayment for Walnut Lake No.1 Corrective Action Plan and the Corresponding Budget Amendment to Cover the Full Amount of \$64,400.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Walnut CAP Information

Attachment 2 – Prepayment Letter and Auburn Hills Apportionment

I CONCUR:

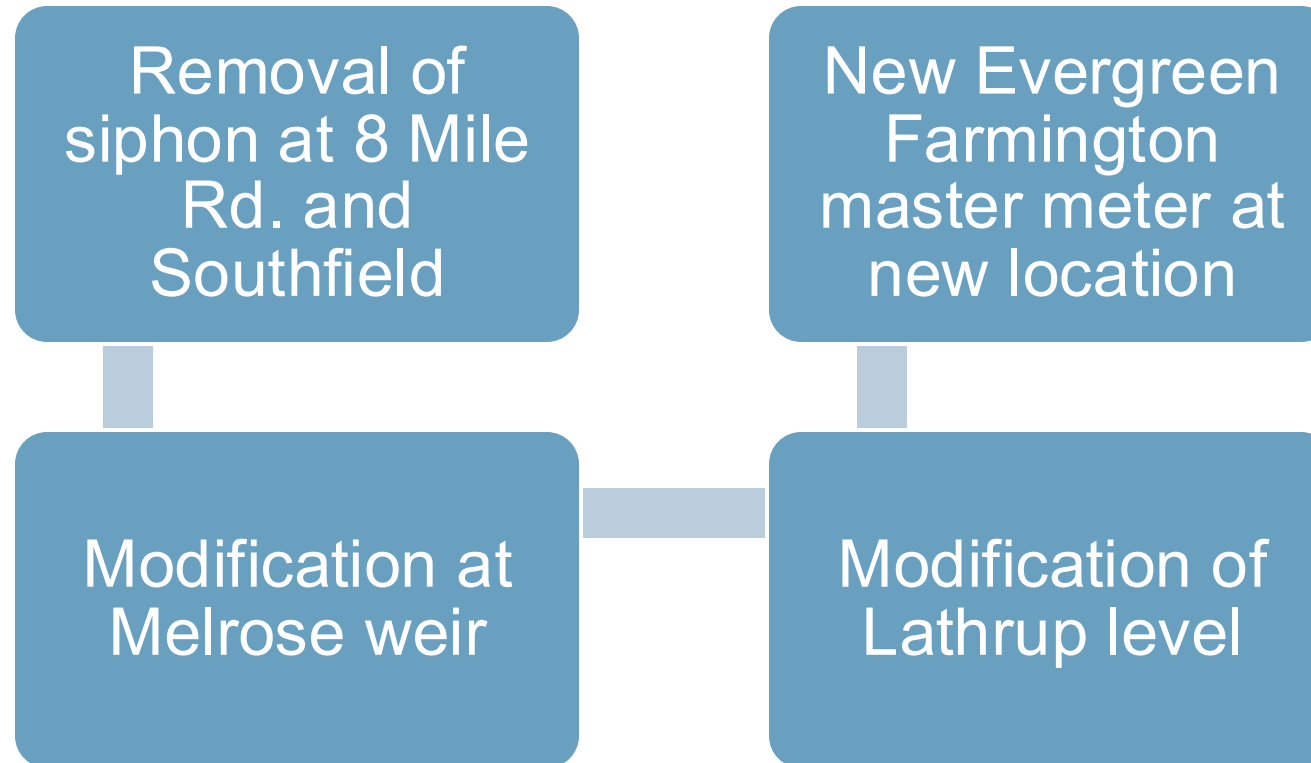
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THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER

Walnut Lake Pump Station No. 1 Conveyance

Corrective Action Plan

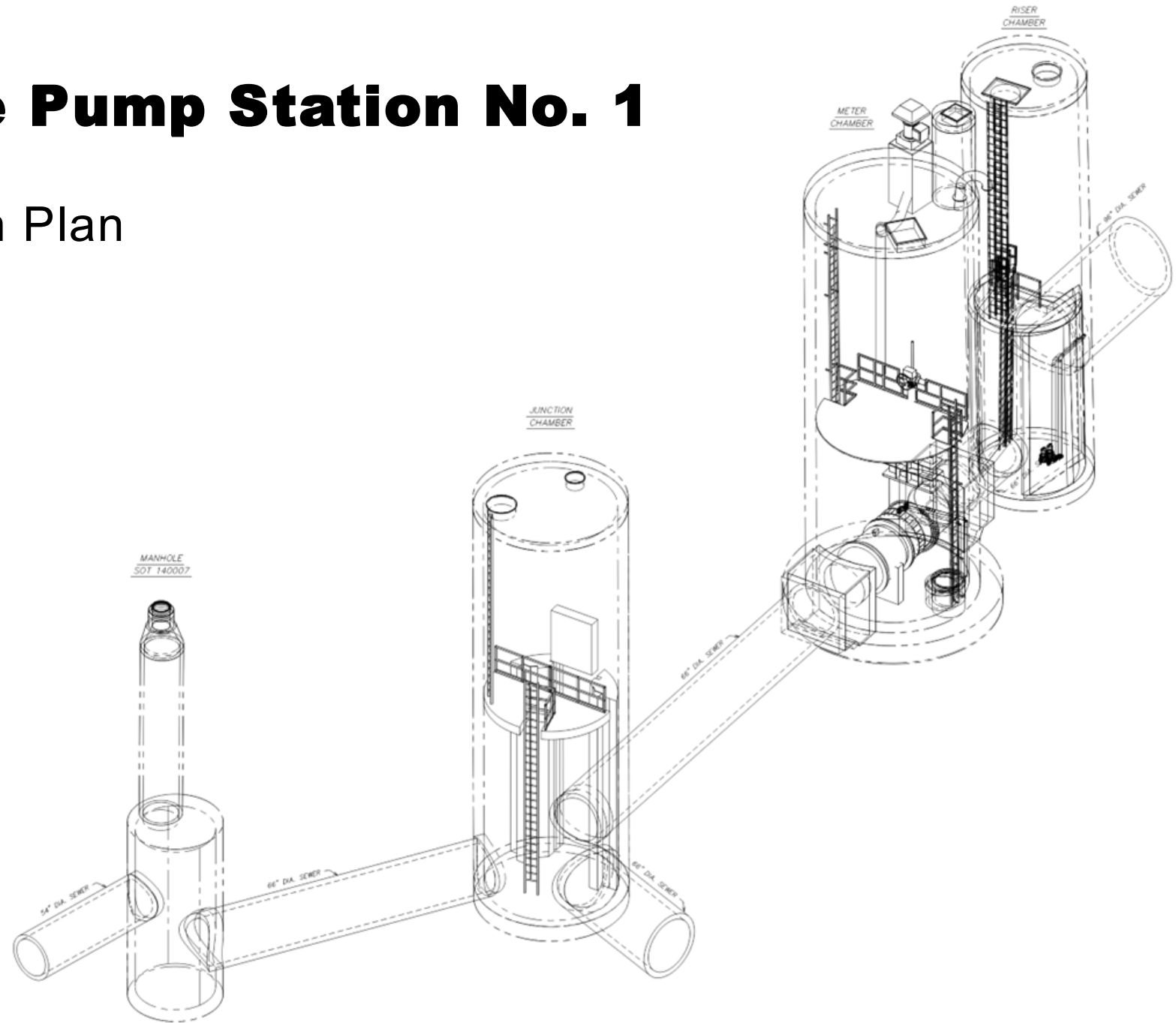
Project elements:



Walnut Lake Pump Station No. 1

Conveyance

Corrective Action Plan



Walnut Lake Pump Station No. 1 Conveyance

Corrective Action Plan

April 21, 2025

Submittal of final plans and specifications due to EGLE.

July 7, 2025

Submittal of Clean Water State Revolving Fund application part III and resolution of tentative contract award

June 23, 2025

Bid opening.
Prepayment decision due.

August 28, 2025

Michigan Finance Authority loan closing.

May 23, 2025

To: Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain Drainage District Apportioned Communities
Re: Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain Drainage District
Walnut Lake No. 1 Corrective Action Plan
CWSRF Project Number 5872-01

The Drainage Board for the Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain Drainage District (EFSDDD) will soon commence work on the Walnut Lake No. 1 Corrective Action Plan (the Project). The EFSDDD has a history of excessive inflow and infiltration issues causing inadequate sanitary sewage transport capacity resulting in sanitary sewer overflows (SSO) into the Rouge River. The system is currently under Administrative Consent Order (ACO) 04995 from Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and is required to eliminate the remaining SSOs. EFSDDD has developed a sequenced approach to comply with the ACO and address the SSOs.

To close out the ACO, the Walnut Lake No. 1 Pump Station needs various improvements to allow the uninterrupted flow from the pump station to the east force main and down the Evergreen Road Interceptor. The improvements will allow the level in the sewer to be increased and decrease the hydraulic grade losses. The bulk of the work will be at the intersection of 8 Mile and Southfield Roads.

The estimated cost for the Project is not to exceed \$14,000,000. The Drainage District will know the final cost of the project after receipt of the Project bids on June 23, 2025. The Drainage Board plans to finance the Project by issuing drain bonds to the State of Michigan's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program administered by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). EGLE has accepted the Project into the FY2025 CWSRF financing Intended Use Plan and allocated \$14,000,000 in funding for the project. The interest rate on the bonds will be 2.50%. The Drainage Board expects the CWSRF Bonds to close on August 28, 2025. The CWSRF Bonds will relate to the Special Assessment Roll No. 2-A of the Evergreen Farmington Sanitary Drain Drainage District ("Roll No. 2-A").

On April 22, 2025, the Drainage Board approved Roll No. 2-A relating to the CWSRF financing. Attached is a copy of the Assessment Roll. The Chairman of the Drainage Board will finalize the assessment amounts by a Supplemental Order upon receipt of the Project bids.

Each community may elect to either pay its Roll No. 2-A in relation to the CWSRF bond issue in twenty principal installments with interest or prepay its assessments. Due to the timing of the State's CWSRF loan process, the Drainage District must ask for a decision based on the estimated not to exceed amount of \$14,000,000.

Installment Payments

The CWSRF financing is a draw-based loan. The Drain District will draw against the loan as the Project construction proceeds. Semi-annual interest on the bonds will accrue at the rate of 2.50% based on the actual dollar amount that has been drawn on the Project. The Drainage District will pay interest on the bonds each April 1 and October 1, beginning April 1, 2026. The Drainage Board anticipates (subject to change) that principal payments will begin on October 1, 2027. Oakland County Fiscal Services, on behalf of the Drainage District, will invoice communities for interest and principal due prior to each due date.

If your community chooses to pay in installments, your community is asked to notify the Drain Board of its intent to pay in installments by June 27, 2025. No official community board or council action is required.

Please email the notice of intent to pay in installments to Raphael Chirolla and Steven Burke, CFA (chirollar@oakgov.com; steveb@mfcj.com). The Drainage Board will include your community's assessments in the CWSRF bond issue and collect each assessment over twenty (20) installments.

Prepayment

If your community chooses to prepay its assessments on the \$14,000,000 portion of the Project, your community must notify the Drain Board of its intent to prepay by June 27, 2025. If your community's board or council decides to adopt a



Jim Nash

resolution approving prepayment following consultation with your local attorney, please include the adopted resolution in your prepayment notice.

Please email the notice of intent to prepay to Raphael Chirolla and Steven Burke, CFA (chirollar@oakgov.com; steveb@mfcj.com). In addition, please mail a hard copy of the notice of intent to prepay to the Office of the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner, Attention: Raphael Chirolla, One Public Works Drive, Bldg. 95-West, Waterford, MI 48328.

Oakland County Fiscal Services will send prepayment invoices with payment instructions on or about July 3, 2025. The invoiced amounts will reflect the construction bids received and the Supplemental Order of the Chairman of the Drainage Board. All prepayments must be received by Oakland County no later than August 6, 2025.

Should you have any questions, please contact the following individuals:

- Project questions: Evans Bantios, Project Manager, Oakland County Water Resources, at 248.724.6617 or email: bantiose@oakgov.com.
- Financing questions: Steven Burke, CFA, MFCI, LLC, financial advisor to the Drainage District, at 313.782.3011 or email: steveb@mfcj.com.

Thank you, and we look forward to our continued relationship as we proceed with this important Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Nash", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Nash
Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner

Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Drain Drainage District
County of Oakland
May 6, 2025

Estimated Drain Assessment - CWSRF #5872-01 - Drain Bonds, Series 2025

Public Corporation Assessed:	<u>City of Auburn Hills</u>
Total Estimated Cost of the Project:	\$14,000,000
Percentage of the Project Assessed:	0.4600%
Estimated Total Amount of the Project Assessed:	\$64,400

Estimated CWSRF #5872-01 Series 2025 Bond Issue Details

Estimated Bond Debt Service Schedule: *Interest Due Semi-Annually, Beginning April 1, 2026*
Principal Due Annually October 1, beginning October 1, 2027

Installment Number	Fiscal Year ending June 30,	Total Estimated Fiscal Year Principal & Interest
Interest Only*	2026	\$188
Interest Only*	2027	1,087
1	2028	4,086
2	2029	4,091
3	2030	4,095
4	2031	4,097
5	2032	4,097
6	2033	4,096
7	2034	4,093
8	2035	4,088
9	2036	4,081
10	2037	4,095
11	2038	4,085
12	2039	4,095
13	2040	4,103
14	2041	4,086
15	2042	4,090
16	2043	4,092
17	2044	4,091
18	2045	4,089
19	2046	4,083
20	2047	4,099
Total Estimated Debt Service:		\$83,107

Interest Calculation Detail:

Interest on the outstanding principal balance shall accrue at the following estimated rate per annum (total interest cost) payable April 1, 2026, and semi-annually thereafter: **2.500%**

*Interest estimated based on the projected draw schedule. Actual interest accrued will be based on the timing of the future draw schedule and will change based on the timing of the construction project.



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING DATE: JULY 7, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7C.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager; Ryan Gagnon, Chief of Police
Submitted: July 1, 2025
Subject: Motion – To Approve an Interlocal Agreement to Participate in the Oakland County Human Trafficking Task Force

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO), in conjunction with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, started the Oakland County Human Trafficking Task Force in late 2024. Currently, the task force is supervised and managed by OCSO staff. There are two officers from Madison Heights and one detective from Southfield on the team, along with a special prosecutor.

Over the last 5 years, we have continued to see an increase in prostitution in our hotels. In numerous cases, we have encountered individuals who are being forced through violence to prostitute themselves and are being trafficked by suspects for financial gain. Human traffickers primarily set up their operations within hotels. Many of the victims are young women who are vulnerable and/or in desperate life situations that lead them to develop a relationship with a human trafficker, to take care of them. Ultimately, they are forced to work as prostitutes, to earn money for the trafficker, and have no other choice left but to comply or else be exposed to continued violence.

Officers have had some success in identifying those being trafficked and going after those who are trafficking these victims. However, there is a lot of investigative work that goes into these cases, and uniformed officers on the road have limited time and/or limited expertise to properly investigate these crimes. The following statistics show what we have been experiencing here in Auburn Hills over the last 3.5 years.

January 1, 2022 - June 11, 2025: (3 ½ years)

- Human Trafficking Cases = 9
- Prostitution Cases = 137

The proactive work and investigations take significant resources to successfully prosecute these types of cases. The task force commits 100% of its time and effort to aggressively go after human traffickers, who are perpetrating these crimes against victims. With the number of hotels that we have and the partnerships that are on the task force, the focus will be to go after those individuals who are trafficking victims, aggressively prosecute these cases, ensure victims of human trafficking are getting the resources they need, and remove this criminal activity from our community. The task force initiates investigations from information received from officers coming into contact with potential victims and proactively through sting operations.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office and the Prosecutor's Office reached out to us directly seeking our participation in the task force based on the number of hotels in our community and our successful investigative work that has been done on other cases in the past. They want to bring us on as a partner agency on the task force, as they also look to bolster the team with a few more agencies. There is also a proposal that will go before the Board of Commissioners to support the funding of an additional two deputies on the task force.

Participation on the task force requires the approval of an inter-local agreement by our City Council. In the agreement, it states that we will provide our officer with a vehicle, and OCSO will provide all other additional equipment, including a radio, computer, and cell phone. Our officer would be deputized by OCSO, and any claims of wrongdoing or civil action taken against our officer while working under the direction and control of OCSO in the task force will be defended by the county. Any assets forfeited by the task force are equally split among all participating member agencies.

The attached interlocal agreement has been reviewed by our City Attorney, Mr. Dan Kelly, and found to be satisfactory from a legal standpoint.

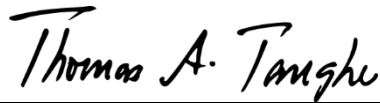
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Oakland County Human Trafficking Task Force interlocal agreement between the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and the City of Auburn Hills. With approval, staff will begin the selection process to identify a police officer to assign to the task force.

MOTION

Move to approve the Oakland County Human Trafficking Task Force interlocal agreement between the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and the City of Auburn Hills and authorize the Chief of Police to sign the agreement on behalf of the city.

I CONCUR:

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THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER

**AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE OAKLAND COUNTY HUMAN
TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE**

BETWEEN

COUNTY OF OAKLAND, THE OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF,

AND

THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made between OAKLAND COUNTY, a Michigan constitutional and municipal corporation, whose address is 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan 48341 ("County"), the OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF, a Michigan constitutional officer, whose address is 1200 North Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341, Bldg. #38 East ("Sheriff"), and THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS, a municipal corporation whose address is 1827 Squirrel Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326 ("Municipality").

In this Agreement, the County, Sheriff, and the Municipality may be referred to individually as "Party" or jointly as "Parties." Oakland County Sheriff's Office ("OCSO") means the County and the Sheriff jointly.

In consideration of the mutual promises, obligations, representations, and assurances set forth in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE.** The parties enter this interlocal agreement pursuant to 1951 PA 35 (MCL 124.1 *et seq.*) and 1967 PA 7 (MCL 124.501 *et seq.*) for the purpose of participating in the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Human Trafficking Task Force ("Task Force") under the direction and supervision of the OCSO.

The mission of the Task Force is to encourage cooperation between law enforcement agencies to apprehend and convict those involved in human trafficking in Oakland County.

2. **MUNICIPALITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- 2.1. The Municipality may identify one or more of its full-time employees with MCOLES certification and a duty firearm to participate in the Task Force, subject to OCSO's approval in OCSO's sole discretion.
- 2.2. The Municipality will promptly notify OCSO of any personnel action involving a Municipality-employee Task Force member, including but not limited to, any

reprimand, suspension, discharge, resignation, or demotion. The Municipality also agrees that it will promptly notify OCSO of any complaint, charge, or allegation of misconduct, whether civil or criminal in nature, that the Municipality becomes aware of regarding any Municipality-employee Task Force member.

- 2.3. All employment-related costs of the Municipality-employee, including, but not limited to, wages, salary, overtime, benefits, local, state and federal taxes associated with employment, and worker's compensation, is the sole responsibility of the Municipality at all times.
- 2.4. The Municipality will provide the Municipality-employee(s) assigned to the task force with standard law enforcement equipment, including but not limited to, a duty weapon, patrol vehicle, handcuffs, and taser. If the OCSO provides equipment that would be duplicative with the Municipality-provided equipment, the Municipality-employee must use the OCSO-provided equipment during Task Force operations.

3. OCSO RESPONSIBILITIES.

3.1. OCSO will provide:

- 3.1.1. Specialized task-force related training, operational control, and oversight of the Task Force.
- 3.1.2. Any specialized equipment and investigative expenses related to Task Force operations, including but not limited to:
 - 3.1.2.1. Police radios to be used during Task Force operations.
 - 3.1.2.2. Cellular phones to be used during Task Force operations.
 - 3.1.2.3. Bullet proof vests to be used during Task Force operations.
 - 3.1.2.4. Body cameras to be used during Task Force operations.
 - 3.1.2.5. Computers, laptops, or similar technology to be used during Task Force operations.
 - 3.1.2.6. Access to the OCSO case report writing system.
 - 3.1.2.7. Any other special equipment or investigative expenses, as determined in OCSO's sole discretion.
- 3.1.3. Deputation of all Task Force members as set forth in this Agreement.
- 3.1.4. Liability protection for the Task Force members as set forth in this Agreement.
- 3.1.5. Supplemental OCSO employees and support services [(e.g., SWAT, evidence techs, etc.) to assist with Task Force operations, as determined in OCSO's sole discretion].

4. DEPUTATIONS

- 4.1. Subject to a background inquiry, a Municipality-employee must be sworn as a special deputy of the Oakland County Sheriff before joining the Task Force. The

deputation must remain in effect throughout the tenure of each Municipality-employee's assignment to the Task Force.

- 4.2. Administrative and personnel policies imposed by the Municipality will not be voided by deputation of its employee. However, deputized Municipality-employees must follow OCSO's orders, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures when acting as a member of the Task Force.
- 4.3. This Agreement does not, in any manner, limit the unilateral and complete discretion of the Sheriff to deputize, refuse to deputize, or revoke the deputation of any Municipality-employee at any time and for any reason.
- 4.4. If a Municipality-employee's deputation is revoked, the Municipality-employee shall be considered immediately terminated from the Task Force. The Municipality may designate another Municipality-employee to join the task force as set forth in this Agreement.

5. DURATION, SUSPENSION, AND TERMINATION

- 5.1. Prior to its effectiveness, this Agreement and any amendments hereto must be:
 - 5.1.1. Signed by all Parties.
 - 5.1.2. Approved by the Parties' respective governing bodies. Such approval shall be entered in the official minutes of the governing body of each Party.
 - 5.1.3. Filed with the Oakland County Clerk and the Secretary of State, in compliance with MCL 124.510(4).
- 5.2. This Agreement becomes effective when the requirements in Section 5.1 are met and will remain in effect until terminated as set forth in 5.3.
- 5.3. Any Party may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon 30 days written notice. The effective date for termination or cancellation shall be clearly stated in the notice. The Parties shall incur no penalty, expense, or liability if this Agreement is terminated under this section.
- 5.4. OCSO may immediately suspend this Agreement or the Municipality's participation in the Task Force if OCSO, in its sole discretion, determines that the Municipality has failed to comply with federal, state, or local law, or any requirements contained in this Agreement. The right to suspend services is in addition to the right to terminate this Agreement. OCSO shall incur no penalty, expense, or liability if services are suspended under this Section.

6. NOTICES.

- 6.1. Notices given under this Agreement must be in writing and sent via certified mail or first-class U.S. mail as follows:

- 6.1.1. **To the OCSO:** Oakland County Sheriff, 1200 N. Telegraph, Building 38 East, Pontiac, MI 48341.
- 6.1.2. **To the Municipality:** Chief of Police, 1899 N. Squirrel Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326

7. ASSET FORFEITURE

- 7.1. In some circumstances, Michigan and federal law authorize forfeiture of property related to human trafficking offenses.
- 7.2. For forfeiture under Michigan law, OCSO will determine on a case-by-case basis if it is appropriate to seek forfeiture for any Task Force case. When appropriate, OCSO will consult and cooperate with other relevant agencies (e.g. the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office) to institute forfeiture proceedings and dispose of forfeited property. OCSO will pay any proceeds from the disposal of forfeited property in accordance with the applicable law authorizing the forfeiture (see for example, MCL 600.4708). Any proceeds authorized to be paid to a governmental unit will be split equally among each participating Task Force agency for that case.
- 7.3. For forfeiture proceedings initiated under federal law, each agency participating in the Task Force may file an individual equitable sharing request form with the federal government using its own, agency-specific NCIC code. Each agency submitting such a request must consult with OCSO to determine the appropriate pro-rata percentage to be requested in the form. The percentage will be equal for all requesting Task Force agencies participating in the case.
- 7.4. The Parties will comply with all applicable state and Federal laws and guidelines for spending and reporting forfeiture proceeds.

8. LIABILITY

- 8.1. The Municipality shall immediately notify OCSO of any civil, administrative, or criminal claim, complaint, discovery request, or other request for information that the Municipality receives notice concerning or arising from the conduct of any Municipality-employee Task Force member or otherwise relating to the Task Force.
- 8.2. Except as provided in Section 7.3, each Party shall be responsible for its own acts and the acts of its employees, agents, and subcontractors, the costs associated with those acts, and the defense of those acts.
- 8.3. Whenever a claim is made or a civil action is commenced against a Municipality-employee arising from alleged negligent or wrongful conduct by the Municipality-employee while acting under the direction and control of OCSO and within the scope of his or her authority as a deputized member of the Task Force pursuant to this Agreement, the Municipality may request that the County defend and indemnify the Municipality-employee. Under such circumstances, the Municipality-employee will be covered under the County Indemnification Policy (specifically, County Miscellaneous Resolutions 85339 and 86124 and any amendments thereto). Consistent with County

Miscellaneous Resolutions 85339 and 86124, and as further described in such Resolutions, the County will select the attorney to represent the Municipality-employee and will have control and supervision over the claim or civil action including, but not limited to, settlement of the claim or lawsuit.

- 8.4. Notwithstanding the indemnification under Section 8.3, OCSO will not be responsible for the Municipality-employee's conduct that is not under the direction and control of the OCSO, authorized by OCSO, or undertaken outside the scope of a Municipality-employee's Task Force duties and assignments under this Agreement.
9. **DISCRIMINATION**. The Parties may not discriminate against their employees, agents, applicants for employment, or any other person or entity with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, and privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment in violation of any federal, state or local law.
10. **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**. This Agreement does not and is not intended to impair, divest, delegate, or contravene any constitutional, statutory, or other legal right, privilege, power, obligation, duty, or immunity of the Parties.
11. **GOVERNING LAW/CONSENT TO JURISDICTION AND VENUE**. This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted, and enforced by the laws of the State of Michigan. Except as otherwise required by law or court rule, any action brought to enforce, interpret, or decide any Claim arising under or related to this Agreement shall be brought in the 6th Judicial Circuit Court of the State of Michigan, the 50th District Court of the State of Michigan, or the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, as dictated by the applicable jurisdiction of the court. Except as otherwise required by law or court rule, venue is proper in the courts set forth above.
12. **RECORDS**. Records created or maintained by the Task Force or any Task Force member(s) when acting as a member of the Task Force belong to OCSO. OCSO has sole management and control over such records. If the Municipality receives a request for any Task Force records it will immediately notify OCSO of the request for OCSO to determine if release is appropriate and whether redactions are required prior to release.
13. **NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES**. Except as provided for the benefit of the Parties, this Agreement does not and is not intended to create any obligation, duty, promise, contractual right or benefit, right to indemnification, right to subrogation, and/or any other right in favor of any other person or entity.
14. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**. The Parties shall comply with all federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, regulations, administrative rules, and requirements applicable to its activities performed under this Agreement.
15. **PERMITS AND LICENSES**. The Parties shall be responsible for obtaining and maintaining, throughout the term of this Agreement, all licenses, permits, certificates,

and governmental authorizations for its employees and/or agents necessary to perform all its obligations under this Agreement. Upon request, a Party shall furnish copies of any permit, license, certificate or governmental authorization to the requesting Party.

16. **DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACT/ASSIGNMENT**. The Parties shall not delegate, subcontract, and/or assign any obligation or right under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. A delegation, subcontract, or assignment made without the prior written consent of the other Party is void.

17. **MODIFICATIONS**.

17.1. This Agreement may be modified at any time by written consent of all Parties.

17.2. Modifications to this Agreement shall have no force and effect unless such modifications are in writing and the requirements in Section 5.1 are met.

18. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT**. This Agreement represents the entire Agreement and understanding between the Parties. This Agreement supersedes all other oral or written Agreements between the Parties.

The Parties have taken all actions and secured all approvals necessary to authorize and complete this Agreement. The persons signing this Agreement on behalf of each Party have legal authority to sign this Agreement and bind the Parties to the terms and conditions contained herein.

THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND:

BY: _____ DATE: _____
David T. Woodward , Chairman, Oakland County Board of Commissioners

OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD:

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Michael Bouchard, Oakland County Sheriff

THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS:

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Ryan Gagnon, Chief of Police



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING DATE: JULY 7, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NO 7D.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager; Ryan Gagnon, Chief of Police
Submitted: July 1, 2025
Subject: Motion – To Approve an Interlocal Agreement to Participate in the Oakland County SWAT Team

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

Over the last few years, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) SWAT team has been taking on local outside agencies to participate in their team. Currently, the team consists of 38 operators, 8 of whom are from other local police departments. The Police Department has needed to call upon the SWAT team for assistance numerous times in the past. Typically, we have needed them to assist with a barricaded person and/or to execute a high-risk search/arrest warrant. Historically, when we call them, they come to assist. However, there have been times when we have requested them for unique situations, and they declined to come. Over the last 10 years, we have utilized the SWAT team 14 times, 7 of which were in 2023 alone. While we don't use them frequently, the services they provide are essential in keeping our staff safe. We do not have the equipment or expertise to handle certain situations that require SWAT intervention. By having a member of our staff on the team, there is a higher likelihood that they will respond to unique situations that we may encounter.

The OCSO SWAT team is a part-time team, so all members, including OCSO members, work as officers/deputies on the road full-time and only respond to situations when they are called out. The assignment to the SWAT team is highly competitive and demanding. OCSO has agreed to allow us to participate in SWAT tryouts, which occur in October of each year. Agreeing to allow a member of our staff to try out does not mean that someone from Auburn Hills will be selected to join the team. These tryouts are held once per year, and everyone is trying out to either join or remain on the team. OCSO is only interested in looking at two of our best officers who want to join the team, so there will be an internal tryout process that we will conduct in-house, prior to sending one or two members to try out.

There is regular training that occurs twice a month (8-hour day) and then an annual 40-hour training week. Training for our officer will occur on a regularly scheduled day, and no overtime will be authorized. We are responsible for our employees' wages during callouts, which would require overtime if they are off duty. OCSO provides all training and equipment, including all expenses. Our member would be covered by the county for any liability or civil action brought against our member during a SWAT operation.

Placing a member on the OCSO SWAT team not only provides an additional opportunity for our staff, but more importantly, enhances our service level during unique times when needed, improves training/tactics that can be shared with all our staff, and provides an in-house trained officer that can provide insight into tactical decisions and can assist in mitigating risk for staff.

The attached interlocal agreement has been reviewed by our City Attorney, Mr. Dan Kelly, and found to be satisfactory from a legal standpoint.

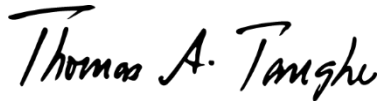
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Oakland County SWAT Team interlocal agreement between the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and the City of Auburn Hills. With approval, staff will begin the selection process to identify two officers to participate in the tryout period in October 2025.

MOTION

Move to approve the Oakland County SWAT Team interlocal agreement between the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and the City of Auburn Hills and authorize the Chief of Police to sign the agreement on behalf of the city.

I CONCUR:

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THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER

**AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION WITH THE OAKLAND COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE SWAT TEAM**

BETWEEN

COUNTY OF OAKLAND, THE OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF,

AND

THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made between OAKLAND COUNTY, a Michigan constitutional and municipal corporation, whose address is 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac, Michigan 48341 ("County"), the OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF, a Michigan constitutional officer, whose address is 1200 North Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341, Bldg. #38 East ("Sheriff"), and the City of Auburn Hills a municipal corporation whose address is 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 ("Municipality"). In this Agreement, the County, Sheriff, and the Municipality may also be referred to individually as "Party" or jointly as "Parties."

In consideration of the mutual promises, obligations, representations, and assurances in this Agreement, the Parties agree to the following:

1. **AUTHORITY**. Authority for the Parties to enter into this Agreement can be found at 1951 PA 35 (MCL 124.1 *et seq.*).
2. **PURPOSE**. The purpose of this Agreement is to delineate the responsibilities of the Parties associated with the Municipality's participation with the SWAT team. This Agreement is not intended, and should not be construed, to create any right or benefit enforceable by law or otherwise by any third party against the Parties or the officers, employees, agents, or other associated personnel thereof.
3. **DEFINITIONS**. The following words and expressions, whether used in the singular or plural, within or without quotation marks, or possessive or non-possessive, are defined as follows:
 - 3.1. **Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO)** means the County and the Sheriff jointly.
 - 3.2. **Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT team)** means OCSO's select team of specially trained Oakland County Sheriff's deputies who respond to emergency and critical incidents including, but not limited to, barricaded gunmen, high-risk warrant arrests, drug raids, and civil disorder.

4. MUNICIPALITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

- 4.1. The Municipality may designate one or more of its full-time employees with MCOLES certification to try out for the SWAT team. If OCSO selects a Municipality employee for the SWAT team, the Municipality may authorize that employee to participate on the SWAT team.
- 4.2. If the Municipality authorizes its employee to participate on the SWAT team:
 - 4.2.1. The Municipality will allow its employee to attend all SWAT team training sessions.
 - 4.2.2. The Municipality will permit its employee to respond to SWAT team call-outs when requested by OCSO. The Municipality's permission may be granted on a case-by-case basis and will not be unreasonably withheld.
 - 4.2.3. The Municipality will promptly notify the OCSO of any personnel action involving a Municipality-employee SWAT team member, including but not limited to, any reprimand, suspension, discharge, resignation, or demotion. The Municipality also agrees that it will promptly notify the OCSO of any complaint, charge, or allegation of misconduct, whether civil or criminal in nature, that the Municipality becomes aware of regarding any Municipality-employee SWAT team member.
- 4.3. All employment-related costs of the Municipality-employee, including, but not limited to, wages, salary, overtime, benefits, local, state and federal taxes associated with employment, and worker's compensation, shall be the sole responsibility of the Municipality at all times.

5. OCSO's RESPONSIBILITIES.

- 5.1. The OCSO will provide:
 - 5.1.1. Training for the Municipality-employee SWAT team member.
 - 5.1.2. Deputation of the Municipality-employee SWAT team member, as set forth in Section 6.
 - 5.1.3. Liability protection for the Municipality-employee SWAT team member as set forth in Section 9.
- 5.2. The OCSO will dispatch its SWAT team to provide aid to the Municipality on an as-needed and as-available basis, as solely determined by the Sheriff using generally accepted standards for police protection.

6. DEPUTATIONS

- 6.1. Subject to a background inquiry, a Municipality-employee must be sworn as a special deputy of the Oakland County Sheriff before acting as a SWAT team member. The deputation must remain in effect throughout the tenure of each Municipality-employee's assignment to the SWAT team.

- 6.2. Administrative and personnel policies imposed by the Municipality will not be voided by deputation of its employee. However, deputized Municipality-employees must follow OCSO's orders, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures when acting as a member of the SWAT team under this Agreement.
- 6.3. This Agreement does not, in any manner, limit the unilateral and complete discretion of the Sheriff to deputize, refuse to deputize, or revoke the deputation of any Municipality-employee at any time and for any reason.
- 6.4. If a Municipality-employee's deputation is revoked, the Municipality-employee shall be considered immediately terminated from the SWAT team. The Municipality may designate another Municipality-employee to try out for the SWAT team.

7. DURATION

- 7.1. Prior to its effectiveness, this Agreement and any amendments hereto must be:
 - 7.1.1. Signed by all Parties.
 - 7.1.2. Approved by the Parties' respective governing bodies. Such approval shall be entered in the official minutes of the governing body of each Party.
 - 7.1.3. Filed with the Oakland County Clerk and the Secretary of State, in compliance with MCL 124.510(4).
- 7.2. This Agreement becomes effective when the requirements in Section 7.1 are met and will remain in effect until terminated as set forth in 7.3.
- 7.3. Any Party may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon 30 days written notice. The effective date for termination or cancellation shall be clearly stated in the notice.

8. NOTICES.

- 8.1. Notices given under this Agreement must be in writing and sent via certified mail or first-class U.S. mail as follows:
 - 8.1.1. **To the Sheriff:** Oakland County Sheriff, 1200 N. Telegraph, Building 38 East, Pontiac, MI 48341.
 - 8.1.2. **To the County:** Chairperson of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, 1200 North Telegraph, Building 12 East, Pontiac, Michigan 48341.
 - 8.1.3. **To the Municipality:** Chief of Police, _____

9. LIABILITY

- 9.1. The Municipality shall immediately notify OCSO of any civil, administrative, or criminal claim, complaint, discovery request, or other request for information that the Municipality receives notice concerning or arising from

the conduct of any Municipality-employee SWAT team member or otherwise relating to the SWAT team.

- 9.2. Except as provided in Section 9.3, each Party shall be responsible for its own acts and the acts of its employees, agents, and subcontractors, the costs associated with those acts, and the defense of those acts.
- 9.3. Whenever a claim is made or a civil action is commenced against a Municipality-employee arising from alleged negligent or wrongful conduct by the Municipality-employee while acting under the direction and control of OCSO and within the scope of his or her authority as a deputized member of the SWAT team pursuant to this Agreement, the Municipality may request that the County defend and indemnify the Municipality-employee. Under such circumstances, the Municipality-employee will be covered under the County Indemnification Policy (specifically, County Miscellaneous Resolutions 85339 and 86124 and any amendments thereto). Consistent with County Miscellaneous Resolutions 85339 and 86124, and as further described in such Resolutions, the County will select the attorney to represent the Municipality-employee and will have control and supervision over the claim or civil action including, but not limited to, settlement of the claim or lawsuit.
- 9.4. Notwithstanding the indemnification under Section 9.3, OCSO will not be responsible for the Municipality-employee's conduct that is not under the direction and control of the OCSO, authorized by OCSO, or undertaken outside the scope of a Municipality-employee's SWAT duties and assignments under this Agreement.

10. DISCRIMINATION. The Parties may not discriminate against their employees, agents, applicants for employment, or any other person or entity with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions, and privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment in violation of any federal, state or local law.

11. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS. This Agreement does not and is not intended to impair, divest, delegate, or contravene any constitutional, statutory, or other legal right, privilege, power, obligation, duty, or immunity of the Parties.

12. GOVERNING LAW/CONSENT TO JURISDICTION AND VENUE. This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted, and enforced by the laws of the State of Michigan. Except as otherwise required by law or court rule, any action brought to enforce, interpret, or decide any Claim arising under or related to this Agreement shall be brought in the 6th Judicial Circuit Court of the State of Michigan, the 50th District Court of the State of Michigan, or the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, as dictated by the applicable

jurisdiction of the court. Except as otherwise required by law or court rule, venue is proper in the courts set forth above.

13. MODIFICATIONS.

13.1. This Agreement may be modified at any time by written consent of all Parties.

13.2. Modifications to this Agreement shall have no force and effect unless such modifications are in writing and the requirements in Section 7.1 are met.

14. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement represents the entire Agreement and understanding between the Parties. This Agreement supersedes all other oral or written Agreements between the Parties.

The Parties have taken all actions and secured all approvals necessary to authorize and complete this Agreement. The persons signing this Agreement on behalf of each Party have legal authority to sign this Agreement and bind the Parties to the terms and conditions contained herein.

THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND:

BY: _____ DATE: _____
David T. Woodward , Chairman, Oakland County Board of Commissioners

OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF MICHAEL J. BOUCHARD:

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Oakland County Sheriff

THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS:

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Ryan Gagnon, Chief of Police



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING DATE: JULY 7, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7E.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager; Stephen Baldante, Public Works Director
Submitted: June 18, 2025
Subject: Motion – To authorize the Mayor to execute a joint and cooperative agreement for public works mutual aid authority

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

The Southeastern Oakland County Public Works Association (SOCPWA) operates under the authority granted by Public Act 35 of 1951. This act specifically empowers municipal corporations to enter into intergovernmental contracts with other municipal entities, contract with municipal corporations and other entities to provide lawful municipal services beyond corporate boundaries. In addition, it aims to establish a framework for regional service delivery during times of disaster. SOCPWA members have established the Public Works Mutual Aid Authority as a regional mutual aid association to coordinate response efforts and utilize regional resources during emergencies and natural and man-made disasters. The goal of the mutual aid agreement is to represent best practices in emergency management and provide enhanced disaster response capabilities, resource optimization and risk mitigation through shared resources.

At the most recent SOCPWA meeting, members unanimously approved the revised joint and cooperative agreement (attached as Exhibit A) to offer assistance in the form of personnel, equipment and materials to neighboring member communities during disaster situations. The City of Auburn Hills has been asked to participate and join the cooperative agreement with SOCPWA members that will allow the member communities to share essential resources through the mutual aid authority. The framework of the proposed agreement provides the necessary foundation for creating binding mutual aid agreements that transcend municipal boundaries while maintaining local governmental authority.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend approving a joint and cooperative agreement with Southeastern Oakland County Public Works Association for mutual aid authority during emergencies.

MOTION

Move to authorize the Mayor to execute a joint and cooperative agreement with Southeastern Oakland County Public Works Association for mutual aid authority during emergencies.

I CONCUR:

THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER

JOINT AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR USE OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DURING EMERGENCIES

SOUTHEASTERN OAKLAND COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID AUTHORITY

I. PURPOSE

The member communities of the Southeastern Oakland County Public Works Association (SOCPWA) recognize that they have authority pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 35 of 1951, an Act to authorize intergovernmental contracts between municipal corporations and to authorize any municipal corporation to contract with any other person or any other municipal corporation; to furnish any lawful municipal service to property outside the corporate limits of the first municipal corporation for consideration. The result establishes a regional mutual aid association, to be known as the Public Works Mutual Aid Authority, representative of the various communities with authority and responsibilities relating to utilization of resources to counteract natural and man-made disasters common to all communities, together with the power and authority to implement such services as set forth herein.

II. DEFINITION OF TERMS

For purposes of this Agreement, the terms defined in this section shall have the meanings given them.

1. *Party* means a governmental unit which is a party to this Agreement.
2. *Eligible party* means a governmental or corporation unit which is entitled to become a party to this Agreement, at its own option.
3. *Requesting party* means a party which requests assistance from other parties.
4. *Responding party* means a party which provides assistance to a requesting party.
5. *Assistance* includes personnel, materials and equipment.
6. *Requesting official* means the person who has been designated by the requesting party to request assistance from other parties.
7. *Responding official* means the person who has been designated by a party to determine whether and to what extent that party should provide assistance to a requesting party.
8. *Emergency* means a sudden and unforeseen situation requiring immediate action beyond the requesting party's capability.
9. *Authority Secretary* means the secretary of the Public Works Mutual Aid Authority.

10. *Public Works Mutual Aid Authority* means the organization formed by the Southeastern Oakland County Public Works Association to meet emergency situations within the boundaries of its member communities.

III. PARTIES

1. The parties to this Agreement shall consist of members of the Southeastern Oakland County Public Works Association and shall be known as the Public Works Mutual Aid Authority. Upon the adoption of a resolution by its governing body, an executed copy of this Agreement shall be forwarded by the member party together with a certified copy of the resolution authorizing the Agreement.
2. The Authority Secretary shall maintain a current list of the parties to this Agreement. Whenever there is a change of the parties to this Agreement, the Authority Secretary shall notify the designated responding official of each of the parties of such change.

IV. PROCEDURE

1. Each party shall designate and keep on file with the Authority Secretary the name of the person of that party who shall be its requesting official and responding official. A party may designate alternate officials to act in the absence of the primary official.
2. Whenever, in the opinion of a requesting official of a party, there is a need for assistance from other parties to assist the requesting party, such requesting official may, at his or her discretion, call upon the responding official of any other party to furnish assistance to and within the boundaries of the requesting party. It is the intention of the parties to this Agreement to cooperate in the event of an emergency by making available to a requesting party necessary or requested personnel, materials, and equipment without undue delay.
3. Upon the receipt of a request for assistance from a party, the responding official for any other party may authorize and direct the personnel of the responding party to provide assistance to the requesting party. Whether the responding party shall provide such assistance to the requesting party, and, if so, to what extent such assistance shall be provided, shall be determined solely by the responding official subject to such supervision and direction as may be applicable for him or her within the governmental structure of the party by which he or she is employed. Failure to provide assistance will not result in liability to any party.
4. When a responding party provides assistance under the terms of this Agreement, it may in turn request assistance from other parties as "back-up" during the time that it is providing assistance outside its boundaries.
5. Whenever a responding party has provided assistance to a requesting party, the responding official may at any time recall such assistance or any part thereof to

the responding party, if the responding official in his best judgment deems this is in the best interest of his own agency.

6. When a responding party supplies equipment and personnel to a requesting party, said equipment and personnel shall remain under the direction and control of the responding party; shall be paid by the responding party; shall be protected by the Worker's Compensation of the responding party; and shall otherwise be deemed to be performing their regular duties for the responding party. However, the responding party shall undertake to coordinate with the requesting party the assistance which it provides. The requesting party shall provide all routine fueling and servicing of respondents' equipment and materials, and shall assume all costs thereof during the assistance period.
7. A responding party shall be responsible for its own personnel, equipment, and materials and for injuries or death to any personnel, or damage to any such equipment or materials, except that unused equipment and materials provided by the responding party shall be returned to the responding party by the requesting party when circumstances permit this to be done.
8. The requesting and responding parties may review any equipment repaired to determine if such repair was directly related to the emergency operation. If mutually agreed that repairs are required, they shall be the responsibility of the requesting party. Any disagreement which cannot be resolved by the responding and requesting parties shall be resolved by a committee established from the Public Works Mutual Aid Authority. Materials and supplies used by the responding party at the request or direction of the requesting party shall be reimbursed by the requesting party to the responding party.
9. An emergency response by a responding party, which is provided on a "gratis" basis, shall be limited to a maximum of forty-eight (48) hours duration. After such time, the responding party shall be reimbursed for labor and equipment by the requesting party. During this period of time, the requesting party shall actively seek to engage outside contractors to conduct the work being done by the responding party so as to expedite the return of the responding party to its home community.
10. The responding party shall maintain such records of the cost of labor, equipment and materials provided; and hours of work or operation as deemed necessary for recovery of costs in the event the incident becomes eligible for Federal or State Disaster Assistance. If declared eligible, these costs shall then be reimbursed by the requesting party in full or in a prorata share of assistance provided.
11. The requesting party shall not be responsible for any injuries, losses, or damages to persons or property arising out of the acts of any of the personnel of a responding party. Nor shall the responding party be responsible for injuries, losses or damages arising out of the acts of any of the personnel of the requesting party or the personnel of any other responding party.

12. Technical service and assistance of non-emergency nature may be requested and/or provided by the parties to this Agreement.

V. INSURANCE

Each party to this Agreement shall maintain appropriate insurance policies covering personal and public liability. Said policies shall cover damage or injury caused by negligent operation of its vehicles while operating under the terms of this Agreement outside of its corporate limits or contract areas.

VI. RESPONSIBILITY PROVISION

Each party agrees that it shall be responsible for any and all claims, costs, actions, causes of action, losses or expenses – including attorney fees, resulting from or caused by its acts or omissions, the acts or omissions of its employees, officers, or officials, pursuant to this Agreement.

Each party shall be responsible for any claims made against that party and for the acts of its respective officers, officials and employees. For any claims that may arise from the performance of this Agreement, each party shall seek its own legal representation and bear the costs associated with such representation including any attorney fees. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, none of the parties shall have any right under any legal principle to be indemnified by either of the other parties or any of the other parties' respective officers, officials, or employees in connection with any claim. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "claims" shall mean and include any alleged losses, claims, complaints, demands for relief or damages, suits, causes of action, proceedings, judgments, deficiencies, liability, penalties, litigation, costs and/or expenses of any kind which are imposed upon, incurred by, or asserted against a party.

Nothing in this Agreement is intended, nor shall it operate, to diminish, delegate, divest, impair, or contravene any constitutional, statutory, and/or other legal right, privilege, power, obligation, duty, capacity, immunity or character of office including, but not limited to, governmental immunity on behalf of the parties to this Agreement or any of their respective employees, appointees, officials or agents.

VII. COMPLETE AGREEMENT

The parties agree that the conditions set forth in this Agreement sets forth all terms and conditions of this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements or understandings between the parties. There are no promises, conditions, or understandings other than those stated herein, and, that any prior negotiations, terms or conditions discussed shall not constitute a part of this Agreement. The term "agreement" as used in this clause shall include any future written amendments, modifications, or supplements made in accordance herewith.

VIII. APPROVALS

All of the parties have taken all actions and secured all approvals necessary to authorize and complete this Agreement. The person signing this agreement on

behalf of each municipality have legal authority to sign this Agreement and bind the parties to the terms and conditions contained herein.

IX. WITHDRAWAL, TERM, AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall be for an Initial Term of five (5) years, from _____, 2025 through _____, 2030. If this Agreement is not terminated as provided below, it shall automatically renew annually for a Renewal Term of one (1) year, subject to the terms and conditions below. The Renewal Terms possible under this Section are not limited. Any party may withdraw from the Association at any time upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Authority. The Authority Secretary shall thereupon give notice of such withdrawal, and of the effective date thereof, to all other parties, as hereinbefore provided.

X. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES.

This Agreement is not intended to, and does not, create any special or other duty, obligation, promise, benefit or right to services not herein described in favor or for the benefit of any person, entity, or organization that is not a named party to this Agreement. The parties will not authorize third party use of the system without prior approval of those entering into this Agreement.

XI. ASSIGNMENTS.

The rights, duties and obligations under this Agreement are not assignable and may not be delegated by any party, except with the written approval of the other parties to this Agreement.

XII. NOTICES.

Notices under this Agreement shall be directed to current designated the Requesting/Responding Official identified on file with the Secretary.

XIII. AMENDMENTS.

Amendments of this Agreement shall be in writing, approved by resolution of the councils and boards of the parties, and be signed by authorized representatives of the parties.

XIV. SEVERABILITY.

If a court of competent jurisdiction finds a term, or condition, of this Agreement to be illegal or invalid, then the term, or condition, shall be deemed severed from this Agreement. All other terms, conditions, and provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

XV. APPLICABLE LAW.

This Agreement is made and entered into in the State of Michigan and shall in all respects be interpreted, enforced and governed under the laws of the State of Michigan. The language of all parts of this Agreement is intended to and, in all cases, shall be construed as a whole, according to its fair meaning, and not construed strictly for or against any party. As used in this Agreement, the singular or plural number, possessive

or non-possessive, shall be deemed to include the other whenever the context so suggests or requires.

XVI. NO WAIVER.

Absent an express written waiver, the failure of a party to pursue any right granted under this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of that right regarding any existing or subsequent breach or default under this Agreement. No failure or delay on the part of a party in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall a single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege preclude any other or further exercise of any other right, power or privilege.

XVII. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS.

Each party shall comply with all federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, regulations, administrative rules, and requirements applicable to its activities performed under this Agreement.

XVIII. FILING.

As provided in MCL 124.510, this Agreement and any amendments of it shall be filed with the Oakland County Clerk and Michigan Secretary of State before taking effect.

XIX. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Agreement shall become effective on _____, 20_____.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, on behalf of their governmental unit, have executed this Agreement pursuant to authorization by the City/Township of _____, MICHIGAN on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

City/Township of _____

WITNESS: _____

By: _____
Chief Elected Official

WITNESS: _____

By: _____
Clerk

Date: _____

**SOUTHEASTERN OAKLAND COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION**

WITNESS: _____

By: _____

Date: _____

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN OAKLAND COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION'S
PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID AUTHORITY**

ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose

Section I: This organization shall be known as the "Public Works Mutual Aid Authority".

Section II: The purpose of membership in this association shall be to assist member communities in emergency situations, to exchange ideas, equipment, and methods of dealing with emergencies, and to protect the lives and property within member communities in the case of any emergency or disaster.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section I: Membership in this authority shall refer to public works departments, or its equivalent department.

Section II: Any public works department or organization holding membership in the Southeastern Oakland County Public Works Association, and that can be of reciprocal service to other members of said organizations evidenced by its maintenance of a level of equipment and labor sufficient to meet the ordinary and routine operations and services within its community, and are from an incorporated Village or City, a Township, or an authority created by such bodies, and is approved by a simple majority of the membership, shall be eligible for membership in this authority.

Section III: The following shall be known as members of this authority as of November 14, 2012:

Auburn Hills	Berkley	Birmingham	Bloomfield Township
Clawson	Farmington Hills	Ferndale	Hazel Park
Huntington Woods	Lathrup Village	Madison Heights	Novi
Oak Park	Orchard Lake Village	Pleasant Ridge	Rochester
Royal Oak	Southfield	SOCRRA	SOCWA
Village of Franklin			

ARTICLE III

Dues

Section I: Each member shall pay an annual membership fee of \$10.00 per year, which shall be due and payable on January 31 of each year.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section I: The officers of the Southeastern Oakland County Public Works Association shall be Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and a Secretary-Treasurer, and shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Public Works Mutual Aid Authority.

Section II: The Chairperson shall have the following duties: To call all regular and special meetings; to preside and preserve order at all meetings; to appoint committees; to see that subordinate officers execute the obligations and duties of their respective offices to the best of their ability.

Section III: The Vice-Chairperson shall have the following duties: To assist the Chairperson in the discharge of his or her regular duties, and in the event of the absence of the Chairperson, to assume the duties of Chairperson.

Section IV: The Secretary-Treasurer shall have the following duties: To call the roll; to keep a record of all proceedings of the Authority; to collect all dues and other monies due the Authority; to pay out said monies on the order of the Authority; and to send notices of all regular and special meetings of the Authority. The Secretary-Treasurer shall make an itemized report of all income and expenses to be presented at the first regular meeting of each year. In addition, the Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a current list of all members in the Authority.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section I: The regular meeting of the Authority shall be held in January of each year. The time and location shall be determined by the executive committee.

Section II: Special meetings shall be called by the Chairperson with at least seven (7) days written notice to the membership.

Section III: A simple majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

Section IV: The Roberts Rules of Order shall govern.

Section V: Each member shall have one (1) vote.

ARTICLE VI

Elections

Section I: The election of officers shall be held at the regular meeting of each year. This election shall be by secret ballot, or by open ballot, at the selection of the membership.

Section II: The officers of the Authority shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

Section III: In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall succeed to that office. The Chairperson shall appoint replacement officers for all vacancies.

ARTICLE VII Committees

Section I: The Authority shall have the following annual committee: Executive. Other committees may be formed to serve in an ad-hoc capacity, at the discretion of the executive committee.

Section II: Any committee shall have the authority to request assistance from any members of the Authority.

Section III: It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to handle all matters that pertain to state legislation on matters of importance to the Authority.

ARTICLE VIII Amendment and Dissolution

Section I: No amendment shall be made to these By-Laws unless proposed at the regular meeting in writing.

Section II: An amendment requires a two-thirds majority vote of the entire membership for acceptance.

Section III: This Authority may be disbanded by a three-fourths vote of the entire membership of the Authority, and a published or served notice shall be given to all members for that purpose at least one month before such a vote shall be taken.

SOCPWA
MUTUAL AID AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 8, 2025-Madison Heights Soccer Complex Building

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by

Present

Steve Baldante
Adam Wozniak
Corey Almas
Trever Zablocki
Derrick Schueller
Mike Olson
Steve Dubay
Mike Greene
Sean Ballantine
Dave DeCoster
Gerry McCallum
Tim Schultz
Bob Jackovich
Kim Tisler
Mark Ragsdale

Municipality

Auburn Hills
Berkley
Bloomfield Township
Clawson
Farmington Hills
Ferndale
Hazel Park
Lathrup Village
Madison Heights
Oak Park
Orchard Lake
Pleasant Ridge
SOCWA
SOCRRA
Southfield

Absent

Scott Zielinski
Jerry Johnson
Kevin Wayne
Matt Wiktorowski
Nick Schaefer
Kevin Yee

Municipality

Birmingham
Village of Franklin
Huntington Woods
Novi
Rochester
Royal Oak

Also Present

Ryan McDonald, Clawson
Charles Eudy, Farmington
Chris Woodward, Madison Heights, Chairperson of SOCPWA & Mutual Aid Authority

Motion by C. Almas, supported by M. Olson & D. Schueller

That the Amended Mutual Aid Authority Joint & Cooperative Agreement be approved as written.

Yeas: Baldante, Wozniak, Almas, Zablocki, Schueller, Olson, Dubay, Greene, Ballantine, DeCoster, McCallum, Schultz, Jackovich, Tisler

Nays: None

Absent: Ragsdale, Zielinski, Johnson, Wayne, Wiktorowski, Schaefer, Yee

Motion carried.



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

MEETING DATE: JULY 7, 2025

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7F.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Thomas A. Tanghe, City Manager; Andrew Hagge, Assistant to the City Manager
Submitted: July 2, 2025
Subject: Motion – to Authorize the Submittal of the Official Ballot for the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund

INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY

The City of Auburn Hills is a member of the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund. There are currently four (4) seats available for a term beginning October 1, 2025, with each term being four (4) years in duration. A ballot listing the four candidates has been received by the City Manager's Office. City Council may elect to cast a ballot for the candidates below or write in their own.

There are four (4) candidates listed on the ballot for the four (4) available seats. The candidates are:

- Brian Boggs, City Councilmember, City of Durand
- Maureen Donker, Mayor, City of Midland
- Craig Stolsonburg, Village Manager, Village of Middleville
- Deborah Stuart, City Manager, Mason City

The biographies for each of the listed candidates are attached hereto, as well as a copy of the official ballot.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend casting the ballot for all four (4) of the individuals listed above.

MOTION

Move to cast the 2025 Official Ballot for Trustees of the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund for a four-year term beginning October 1, 2025. The ballot shall be cast for four candidates: Brian Boggs, Maureen Donker, Craig Stolsonburg, and Deborah Stuart.

I CONCUR:

THOMAS A. TANGHE, CITY MANAGER

THE CANDIDATES

Four-year terms beginning October 1, 2025



Brian Boggs, City Councilmember, City of Durand

Brian has more than 18 years' experience in local government and is currently the Shiawassee County Administrator and a longtime member of the Durand City Council. Brian is an Assistant Professor for the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Programs in International Studies and Programs at Michigan State University. He has written extensively on educational organizational complexity, specifically as it affects urban schools and policy. He has most recently been published in Teacher's College Record at Columbia with a piece titled, "Conceptualizing Virtual Instructional Resource Enactment in an Era of Greater Centralization, Specification of Quality Instructional Practices, and Proliferation of Instructional Resources." Further, he has published book chapters in: Handbook of Urban Education Leadership; Handbook of Education Politics and Policy; School to Prison Pipeline; Emerging Issues and

Trends in Education; Beyond Marginality; and Educational Policy Goes to School. He has also been published in the Journal of School Public Relations. Brian holds a Ph.D. in educational policy from Michigan State University and is currently finishing his J.D. from Mitchell Hamline School of Law. He holds an MA in Rhetoric and a BA in English from the University of Michigan. Brian is seeking re-election to his second term.



Maureen Donker, Mayor, City of Midland

Maureen has more than sixteen years' experience as a municipal official, having served as mayor of Midland since 2009. She has been the Executive Director of The Reece Endeavor of Midland, a community program providing homes for individuals with special needs, since 1998.

Maureen is also active in the Midland community, serving on various local and regional civic organizations. Maureen is seeking re-election to her fourth term.



Craig Stolsonburg, Village Manager, Village of Middleville

Craig has been Village Manager of Middleville since 2022. Prior to joining the village, he was a Business Solutions Professional with West Michigan Works! for six years, and began his career with twenty years in real estate. He has previously served on the Barry County Board of Commissioners for eight years, including five years as Chair.

A lifelong resident of the Middleville area, Craig is actively involved in his community, including membership in the Middleville Rotary Club and the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation (Past President), and sitting on the Boards of Directors for the Thornapple Credit Union and Barry County United Way. Additionally, he has coached for the Thornapple Kellogg High School wrestling and football programs, and volunteers as a public address announcer at school sporting events. Craig is married with two adult children and enjoys spending time with family, golfing, and rooting for the Detroit Lions. Craig is seeking election to his first term.

THE CANDIDATES

Four-year terms beginning October 1, 2025

Deborah Stuart, City Manager, Mason City



Deborah Stuart has served as City Manager of Mason City since January 2016. She has more than 20 years of local and state experience in community and economic development, most recently in her role as Community Development Incentives Director for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Previously, she served the MEDC as its Community Assistance Team Specialist and the City of Jackson in various economic development roles.

Deborah currently sits on the Boards of Directors for three statewide entities: the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Municipal League Foundation and the Michigan Municipal Executives. In addition, she is an active contributor to the 16/50 Project in Michigan, focused on increasing the number of women in local government executive positions through training, mentoring, and promotion of the field to undergraduates. Deborah holds a Bachelor's degree in Communication from

Central Michigan University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University. She is a proud resident of the City of Mason with her husband and her two children. Deborah is seeking election to her first term.

**Michigan Municipal League
Workers' Compensation Fund**

OFFICIAL BALLOT - 2025

Vote for four Trustees by marking the line to the left of the name for four (4) year terms beginning October 1, 2025.

____ **Brian Boggs, Incumbent**
City Councilmember, City of Durand

____ **Maureen Donker, Incumbent**
Mayor, City of Midland

____ **Craig Stolsonburg, Appointee**
Manager, Village of Middleville

____ **Deborah Stuart, Appointee**
Manager, City of Mason

Write-in Candidate

I hereby certify that:

(Municipality/Agency)

by action of its governing body, has authorized its vote to be cast for the above persons to serve as Trustees of the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund.

Official Signature

Date:

**Ballot deadline:
August 8, 2025**

Accused killer in drive-by fatal shooting arraigned; was on probation when slaying occurred



Tremaine Love booking photo

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A Pontiac man with a criminal past is facing charges of first-degree murder and several weapons-related crimes for the drive-by fatal shooting of an Auburn Hills man last week.

Tremaine Jevon Love, 32, was arraigned Wednesday in 50th District Court, where Judge Jeremy Bowie ordered him held without bond in the Oakland County Jail.

Love is accused of killing Thomas Jerrell Washington, 26, while driving past him on Auburn Avenue and Russell Street in Pontiac on June 13.

According to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, when deputies arrived on the scene, they found Washington with a weak pulse, having been shot in the back and wrist. He was transported to an area hospital where he died from his injuries.

Multiple shell casings were found in the street, the sheriff's office said.

Love was arrested as the suspected killer hours later at a traffic stop in West Bloomfield Township.

Along with murder, Love is charged with carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a firearm by a prohibited person and two counts of felony firearm – second offense.

Records show that at the time of the shooting, Love was on probation for marijuana possession and fraud — sentenced this past March. His criminal history also includes convictions for home invasion, as well as crimes involving narcotics and weapons for which he spent nearly four years in prison. Love also has a misdemeanor assault and battery case pending in 50th District Court.

"I am very proud of our teamwork that quickly located and took into custody this murder suspect," Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard said. "I have said numerous times that a small number of people commit a large number of violent crimes. Given his background, it reaffirms my point. Individuals that have this proclivity for gun crimes need to do significant prison time. This individual needs to spend the rest of his life behind bars."

Love's next scheduled appearance in 50th District Court is for a probable cause conference on July 1.

Auburn Hills man dies after drive-by shooting, suspect arrested



file photo

By The Detroit News

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By Aya Fayad, The Detroit News

A 26-year-old Auburn Hills man suffered fatal injuries and died Friday after he was struck multiple times in a drive-by shooting in Pontiac, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office said.

Within hours of the shooting, sheriff's office deputies arrested a 32-year-old Pontiac man in connection with the incident, authorities said. He is being held in the Oakland County Jail.

The incident happened shortly after 4 p.m. Friday near Auburn and Russell in Pontiac, authorities said. Witnesses told deputies that a man in a gray vehicle fired multiple shots before continuing west on Auburn.

When paramedics arrived at the scene, they found the victim had been shot in the wrist, torso and back. He had a weak pulse and was taken to the hospital where he died from his injuries.

An investigation revealed that the suspect fired multiple rounds at the victim before continuing westbound, authorities said, and multiple shell casings were found on the street.

The investigation identified the suspect vehicle, according to the Sheriff's Office. Authorities conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle at Middlebelt and Long Lake in West Bloomfield Township and arrested the suspect without incident.

The incident remains under investigation, authorities said. If anyone was a witness or has further information about this incident, they are urged to contact the Sheriff's Office at 248-858-4950.

"This senseless and cowardly act of a drive-by shooting has now destroyed multiple lives," Sheriff Michael Bouchard said in a statement. "The victim of this shooting and the perpetrator who should now spend his life behind bars. I am proud of our team that did an amazing job of catching the suspect within hours. I look forward to the justice system holding him fully accountable."

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June 18, 2025

Ms. Laura Pierce, Clerk
City of Auburn Hills
1827 N. Squirrel
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Re: Repackaging of Cartoon Network

Dear Ms. Pierce:

As part of our ongoing commitment to keep you and our customers informed about changes to Xfinity TV services, we wanted to update you that Comcast will repackage the Cartoon Network to the More Sports & Entertainment tier on August 12, 2025. The channel number will not change. We have informed customers of this adjustment.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 248-924-4917.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric M. Woody". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eric Woody
Manager of External Affairs
Comcast, Heartland Region
41112 Concept Drive
Plymouth, MI 48170

New OU budget approved with small housing and tuition increases University also adds funding to strategic vision initiative



The housing and tuition raises will go into effect for this fall after being approved by the board of trustees on Friday. Photo by Matt Fahr Media News Group File photo (Stephen Frye / MediaNews Group)

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Students at Oakland University will pay more for housing and tuition in the fall after last week's budget vote by trustees.

On Friday, the university trustees approved a budget for the 2025-26 school year that included a 9% increase in on-campus housing after a two-year freeze. The new annual room rate is \$11,261 for a double room, up from \$10,662.

The \$318 million budget also includes tuition increases for all undergraduate and graduate students. Medical school tuition is also increasing, though not as high.

The full-time tuition rate for in-state undergraduate lower division students is \$552.50 per credit hour, an increase of 4.5%.

The full-time tuition rate for in-state graduate students is \$951.50 per credit hour, an increase of 3.9%.

Tuition for medical school students will pay an average \$61,483, an increase of 2%.

Total tuition increases are expected to raise \$13 million in additional revenue for the university.

The budget also includes incremental expenditures of \$10 million for salaries and benefits.

Stephen Mackey, senior vice president for finance and administration and board treasurer, also highlighted a watershed mark in cost savings OU achieved.

"We have had a cost containment strategy in place for the last 22 years and this year we crossed the \$100 million dollar mark," said Mackey. "That equates to about \$4.6 million in savings for the last 22 years. That mark is something pretty incredible for a university of this size."

Also in the new budget is \$1.6 million dedicated to the Strategic Vision 2030 initiative, which looks to create a "clear vision and direction to fortify and develop Oakland University during the next five years."

"Our intention is to build on Oakland's identity, history and strengths while developing innovative solutions to current, foreseeable as well as unknown challenges that will undoubtedly emerge in the days ahead," said OU President Ora Hirsch Pescovitz.

"This is a big investment that we are making into this university and into our future," said Mackey. "It is to continue to put OU ahead of its peers in terms of service, in terms of performance and in terms of output."

Pescovitz added, "It has been my charge as president to provide our students with an accessible, affordable and world-class education that serves as a catalyst for upward mobility and opportunity. And, we will continue to do that for the upcoming school year and into the future."

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New Stellantis CEO Antonio Filosa to keep North America oversight, work from Auburn Hills



Antonio Filosa, who took over as Stellantis CEO on June 23, 2025, has worked for the automaker for 25 years. (Clarence Tabb Jr./The Detroit News/TNS)

By [The Detroit News](#)

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By Luke Ramseth, The Detroit News

Stellantis NV's new CEO officially began his new role Monday by making limited changes to the transatlantic automaker's senior leadership and indicating a significant shift stateside in the company's center of gravity.

Antonio Filosa will continue to manage directly the automaker's North American operations and oversee its traditional U.S. brands — Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram — from Auburn Hills. The move could signal a change in focus to profit-rich North America from Europe, where predecessor Carlos Tavares was based.

"That's good for our industry, and good for Michigan," said Glenn Stevens, executive director of MichAuto, the automotive arm of the Detroit Regional Chamber, of Filosa's decision to keep his office in the state.

Filosa's 12-member top executive team — and four other leaders who are not part of the team but will report directly to him — are mostly familiar faces at the top of the company. Two top executives are leaving: Béatrice Foucher, the chief planning officer, and Maxime Picat, who had overseen several parts of the company and had been an internal candidate in the running for CEO alongside Filosa.

Filosa has been in charge of the North American region since late last year as Stellantis sought to turn around slumping sales here. Now, he'll continue that focus alongside his CEO duties.

The decision to remain in Michigan is a major shift from Tavares, who was based in Europe, where the company also maintains a large footprint of offices and plants. The automaker's legal headquarters are in the Netherlands, and it has deep roots in Italy and France. Under the former CEO, the Portuguese-born Tavares, the balance of power increasingly shifted in the European direction.



Stellantis Chairman John Elkann, left, and Antonio Filosa listen during a visit earlier this year to the Sterling Heights Assembly Plant. The company has chosen Filosa as its next chief executive officer. (Photo courtesy of Stellantis)

The United Auto Workers, U.S. dealers, and other interest groups raised concerns last year about whether the carmaker was gradually withdrawing from Metro Detroit and its investments in the U.S. market despite the region's ability to generate profits.

Not now. Filosa's plans appear to acknowledge the importance of the United States and the surrounding region to the company's success. He has been working to turn around U.S. sales that fell 15% last year and 12% in the first quarter of this year, with some early progress.

North America remains critical to the company's overall business. Even amid falling sales and other major operational problems last year, the region generated about a third of Stellantis' adjusted operating income, more than Europe or any other region, and it booked about 40% of the company's revenues.

Stevens said it made sense for Filosa to remain based in Michigan for several reasons: the region's financial importance to the carmaker, proximity to key political leaders amid current tariffs and trade disruptions, and the ability to maintain crucial relationships with suppliers and dealers. Ninety-seven of the top 100 suppliers for the North American market are headquartered or have a presence in Michigan, for example.



Peg McNichol/MediaNews Group
Stellantis world headquarters in Auburn Hills on Friday, Oct. 4, 2024.

"You're in the epicenter for automotive for North America," Stevens said, "and one of the epicenters for the world."

Stellantis announced 12 other members who will make up its senior leadership team under Filosa:

- Chief Financial Officer Doug Ostermann adds mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures to his responsibilities. The automaker's top finance executive, Ostermann will continue to be based in Auburn Hills.
- Jean-Philippe Imparato continues his role overseeing the company's European region and brands, which will now include luxury brand Maserati. The brand was previously managed separately from any region.
- Emanuele Cappellano joins the leadership team as head of South America and will also oversee Stellantis Pro One, the automaker's commercial vehicle division.
- Philippe de Rovira will head "Rest of World," which includes the automaker's sales and operations in the Middle East and Africa, as well as its China, India and the Asia-Pacific region. He will also retain his responsibility over Stellantis Financial Services.
- Davide Mele joins the leadership team to oversee product planning.
- Ned Curic will continue his leadership of product development and technology.
- Sébastien Jacquet, who was appointed as quality chief earlier this month, formally will join the company's senior leadership team.
- Monica Genovese will be head of purchasing.
- Scott Thiele will take a new role as head of supply chain, bringing together activities previously under the company's planning and manufacturing areas.

- Arnaud Deboeuf will continue to head manufacturing.
- Xavier Chéreau will continue to lead human resources and sustainability.
- Clara Ingen-Housz joins the senior leadership team as head of corporate affairs and communications.

Four others are not on the top leadership team but will report directly to the CEO. They are Ralph Gilles, who oversees design; Olivier François, who heads marketing; Alison Jones, who is over parts and services, and circular economy; and Giorgio Fossati as general counsel. Richard Palmer, a former finance chief for the automaker who had helped in the transition to a new CEO, will stay on as a strategic adviser.

Filosa said in a statement that his updated leadership team has a “profound understanding of our brands, our products and our customers, best-in-class expertise and an entrepreneurial spirit that will be vital to our success,” and the aim is to “make Stellantis one of the winners” in the next era for the auto industry.

Filosa’s reshuffled organization will be tasked with helping him steady the automaker and chart a comeback. Beyond its recent sales and profit issues, the company has been grappling with other headwinds in recent months, from tariffs to shifting emissions policies under President Donald Trump.

Stellantis announced Filosa’s appointment as CEO in late May following a six-month search. The hunt for a new leader started after Tavares resigned suddenly in December amid falling sales and after the company issued a profit warning. Tavares had led the company since the merger of PSA Group and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles that created Stellantis in 2021.

Filosa was an internal hire, having spent 25 years with Stellantis and its predecessor companies. He rose through the ranks from a paint shop quality supervisor at a plant in Spain, to more recently overseeing the South American region, then the Jeep brand, then North America, and finally heading the Americas at large and quality issues.

Randy Dye, who owns a Florida Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram dealership, said he’s thrilled not only that Filosa was selected as CEO, but that he plans to maintain a personal focus on North America. Filosa is familiar with the quirks of car sales in the United States, the dealer said, and how they vary from Europe. He’s also a “manufacturing guy” who can help improve the carmaker’s quality and increase factory efficiency.

“This isn’t a magic wand,” said Dye, who serves on the national Stellantis dealer council. “But in my time being able to speak with him, I’m impressed.”

Since his appointment, Filosa has visited with employees at several of the automaker’s facilities around the world. Recently he was at the Windsor Assembly Plant for a Chrysler 100th anniversary celebration, and he also stopped at key Michigan facilities earlier this month, including the Detroit Assembly Complex’s Jefferson North facility and the Sterling Stamping Plant, the company has said.

Filosa’s contract term is for five years. His earnings could top \$10 million this year, a filing from the automaker shows. That is below Tavares’ pay package, which last year tallied about \$24 million. The former CEO was also awarded a combined \$12.5 million as part of his separation.

The Filosa compensation package, set to be officially confirmed at a July 18 extraordinary general meeting, includes a \$1.8 million base salary and other performance incentives, along with tax equalization benefits, participation in the company’s U.S. health care plan, and fringe benefits like use of the company aircraft and personal security. He will have the potential for larger bonuses later in the five-year term, which could lift total compensation above \$20 million.

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OU looking to create data center on campus

Final plan could be put in palace before end of the year



The Oakland University data center, specifically housing the Matilda cluster, is located in North Foundation Hall. It would move to the new facility when it is completed. Photo courtesy OU

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Oakland University is taking advantage of open space and access to a power source to lure a private partner to build a new data center.

"The opportunity is there for us because we have a DTE substation on our campus and that substation has 26-megawatt capacity available, so we have that asset built into our campus," said Steven Mackey, vice president for Finance and Administration.

A data center houses the infrastructure needed to build, run and deliver software applications and services, and store associated data.

"The new data center would bring potential for smart campus technology, artificial intelligence research, experimental and digital learning, jobs for students and the local economy," said Mackey.

According to datacentermaps.com, there are 53 data centers in Michigan; 26 in the Detroit area.

The 26-megawatts represents total power capacity for the substation, which would power needed to run and cool equipment and other supporting infrastructure.

The new structure would be built in Parking Lot 35, on the southwest end of campus adjacent to the substation. It would include space to relocate OU's current data center from its science complex so the university can expand its research space and new artificial intelligence institute.

OU has received interest from 32 companies, Mackey said.

For comparison, Edged Data Centers built a new 114,000-square-foot facility in Kansas City in 2025 with 26-megawatt power availability that is estimated to cost over \$140 million.

Mackey said OU is working with the Brailsford and Dunlavey consulting firm, who will evaluate the proposals and make recommendations to the university.

OU will select a company in August, finalize a business plan, execute the agreements and present the board of trustees with a proposal at their October meeting.

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State coalition launch 211 site to expand access to fall prevention resources



State and education officials have partnered with Michigan 211 to offer fall prevention resources on mi211.org. (Photo courtesy of Metro Editorial Services)

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The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Bureau of Aging, Community Living and Supports Health Services, Oakland University and the Michigan Falls Prevention Coalition have partnered with Michigan 211 to offer fall prevention resources on mi211.org. The information is designed to connect health care providers, community organizations and residents with vital fall prevention resources.

About 30% of Michiganders ages 65 and older report falling each year and most of these falls occur at home.

"This initiative aims to improve statewide access to evidence-based fall prevention programs, durable medical equipment and nutrition services that support older adults and individuals at risk of a fall," said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, chief medical executive. "Falls can lead to serious injuries, including head trauma and broken bones. By collaborating and sharing resources, we can work together to make Michigan a safer place for everyone."

Individuals and health care professionals can access resources and services through the site or by calling 211. Searches for education and safety planning resources, physical health and wellness services, daily living supports, and home accessibility modifications can be conducted by ZIP code. In addition, 211 specialists have been trained to assist callers in locating fall prevention services.

The website was made possible through a \$408,499 grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund Healthy Aging Grant. Funding also supports the development of the Michigan Falls Coalition website and an awareness campaign about the Michigan 211 resource. The coalition is supported through partnerships with MDHHS and Oakland University and brings together organizations and providers to collaborate to reduce fall risks among older adults and adults with disabilities, identify state or community needs, recommend policy changes and build capacity.

"Oakland University is proud to lead innovative research and community partnerships that improve the health and safety of Michiganders," said Dr. Chris Wilson, lead author on the grant application and associate professor in the Physical Therapy Program at Oakland University's School of Health Sciences. "Through our leadership within the Michigan Falls Prevention Coalition and initiatives like the 211-resource platform, we are committed to connecting older adults and individuals with disabilities to the services and supports they need to stay safe, active, and independent in their homes and communities."

"The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan (NKFM), which provides falls prevention programs in the community, is excited to have this resource available so people can locate programs," said Ann Andrews, MPH, senior program manager, National Kidney Foundation. "The MI Falls Prevention Coalition started in 2021 as a small advisory group for a federal grant the NKFM received. There was great interest in the group from among stakeholders across the state and it's exciting to see what the coalition has grown into from these initial efforts."

Health care providers and community organizations can help expand this resource by adding fall prevention programs to the website. Eligible programs include:

- Fall prevention education and exercise programs
- Senior-focused exercise programs
- Urinary incontinence prevention initiatives
- Nutrition services supporting fall risk reduction
- Durable medical equipment providers offering fall prevention-related items
- Home and environmental modification programs
- Other related fall prevention-focused programming

Organizations and providers interested in listing their programs or updating existing details can visit mi211.org/providers. Once a 211 representative speaks with the organization liaison directly, updates and new listings will typically be posted within 10 business days.

For more information, visit the 211 Falls prevention page mi211.org or the Michigan Falls Prevention Coalition's website at mifallsprevention.org.

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