



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

MAY 19, 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, City Attorney Kelly, Deputy Clerk Klassen, Lieutenant Hesse, Fire Chief Massingill, Community Development Director Cohen, DPW Director Baldante, Mgr of Fleet & Roads Hefner, Asst to the Mgr Hagge, Engineer Driesenga

11 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, May 5, 2025

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.05.088

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

4b. City Council Goals & Objectives Workshop Minutes, May 12, 2025

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2025.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.05.089

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Johnson shared her suggestions to improve Taylor Rd, such as a zero tolerance for speeding and adding a permanent radar monitoring sign, speed bumps and roundabouts.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Tax Increment Finance Authority, April 8, 2025

7a2. Planning Commission, May 7, 2025

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

7b. Motion – To approve the purchase of a 2025 Jeep Wagoneer SSV.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a 2025 Jeep Wagoneer SSV for \$66,330.00 from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram FIAT of Lansing, MI under the MiDEAL contract.

7c. Motion – To adopt a Proclamation designating the week of May 18 – May 24, 2025, as National Public Works Week in Auburn Hills.

RESOLVED: To adopt the proposed Proclamation designating the week of May 18th through May 24th 2025, National Public Works Week. (Attachment A)

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.05.090

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To approve the Special Land Use Permit and Revised Site Plan Approval / Chillbox Corporate Headquarters – 3378 E. Walton Boulevard.

Mr. Cohen explained the request for a Special Land Use Permit and revised site plan to renovate the former YMCA facility into an office building with an ancillary café and outdoor seating. He noted that the applicant intends to complete the exterior renovations this year and complete the project by this time next year.

Aly Bazzi, representing Bazco Holdings, LLC, explained that they employ 400 people and are looking to move 75-100 people to the headquarters. Their foundation, The Chillbox for Kids Foundation, will utilize the first floor of the building. Mr. Bazzi confirmed for Mr. McDaniel that the parking lot will be improved and there will be landscaping improvements as well.

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Special Land Use Permit and Revised Site Plan for Chillbox Corporate Headquarters at 3378 E. Walton Boulevard subject to the conditions of the City's Administrative Review Team.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.05.091

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9b. Motion – To accept the Third Quarter 2024, Fourth Quarter 2024, and First Quarter 2025 Monitoring Network Review Summaries, along with the 2024 Annual Monitoring Network Review Summary for the Oakland Heights Development Landfill.

Mr. Foerg explained that reports show an on-going issue with too much water in the secondary collection system, mostly in Cell F and occasionally in Cell C. The secondary collection system is the early warning system.

Mr. McDaniel expressed concern with this going into the ground water. An individual representing Republic Services, explained that the secondary collection system is taking on more than its action flow rate. It is reported to EGLE on a quarterly basis and is tested regularly. All tests have indicated that it is just rainwater that is infiltrating into the secondary collection system. They have done multiple things to abate this such as

sealing the liners. He noted that they are actively pursuing a resolution to this situation. Mr. Foerg pointed out that EGLE is aware of this and will be keeping an eye on it.

Mr. Tanghe requested that the correspondence with EGLE be shared with him. He noted that it is a private landfill and EGLE is responsible for the monitoring, however he would like to stay informed on the situation.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To accept the Third Quarter 2024, Fourth Quarter 2024, and First Quarter 2025 Monitoring Network Review Summaries, along with the 2024 Annual Monitoring Network Review Summary for the Oakland Heights Development Landfill.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.05.092

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

9c. Motion – To award the 2025 Butler Road Improvements Bid Award, Construction Engineering/Observation and Contract Administration Services to OHM Advisors, and Material Testing Services to G2 Consulting.

Mr. Hefner explained the reconstruction of Butler Rd will include grading and tree removal, installation of new storm sewer and underdrain, 8 inches of new base material, new concrete curb and gutter, and five inches of new asphalt road. He noted that the new roadway will be 27 feet wide. Due to the narrowness of the current road, the Auburn Hills portion of the road will be closed during the entire construction project.

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To award the 2025 Butler Road Improvements construction contract to Main Street Contracting Inc., Construction Engineering/ Observation and Contract Administration Services to OHM Advisors, Material Testing Services to G2 Consulting Group for an estimated total cost of \$1,808,500.00.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.05.093

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Knight invited the community to the Memorial Day event and to participate in the Car Show at the SummerFest event.

Ms. Verbeke noted that City Hall will begin its summer hours after Memorial Day.

Mr. Hawkins congratulated the Police Officers that received awards at their banquet and thanked the Police Department for their outstanding work.

Mayor Marzolf recognized and thanked the DPW for their work throughout the City. He requested an update on the empty lot on Adams Rd. Mr. Cohen explained that development is not expected within the next year.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Tanghe noted that last week City Council held its 2026 Goals and Objectives workshop.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.05.094

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.



ATTACHMENT A

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK MAY 18, 2025 – MAY 24, 2025

WHEREAS, public works professionals support the infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people within the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, in Auburn Hills, these infrastructure, facilities, and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers, technicians, and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for building, improving, and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for our citizens, adults and children alike, and civic leaders in the City of Auburn Hills to gain knowledge of and to maintain a progressive interest and understanding of the importance of public works and its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 65th annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brian Marzolf, Mayor of the City of Auburn Hills, do hereby designate the week of May 18 – 24, 2025 as National Public Works Week and urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events, and ceremonies designed to honor our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees, and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our health, safety, and quality of life.

Hereby presented on this 19th day of May, 2025, on
behalf of the Auburn Hills City Council.

Brian W. Marzolf, Mayor