

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MEETING

JUNE 2, 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, and Verbeke

Absent: Council Member McDaniel

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Asst City Manager Skopek, City Attorney Kelly, City Clerk Pierce, Police Chief Gagnon, Fire Chief Massingill, Community Development Director Cohen, Asst Dir of Community Development Lang, DPW Director Baldante, Mgr of Fleet & Roads Hefner, Finance Director/Treasurer Schulz, Accounting Clerk

Moss, Asst to the Mgr Hagge, Engineer Driesenga

10 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2025

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2025.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.06.095 Motion Carried (6 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Presentation from Yeo and Yeo

Motion – To receive the 2024 Financial Statements, the Governance Letter, and the Compliance Report letter For Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Mr. Michael Rolka of Yeo and Yeo CPAs presented an overview of the financial statements and the audit reports. The full report can be found in the agenda packet.

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To receive and accept the City's audited Financial Statements with supplemental information for the year ending December 31, 2024, and the related governance letter and compliance report letter as presented by the City's independent auditors, Yeo and Yeo.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.06.096 Motion Carried (6 - 0)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Carol Quaglia, 3600 Lexington Dr., shared concerns regarding road congestion for ambulances on Squirrel Road.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Tax Increment Finance Authority, May 13, 2025

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

7b. Motion – To approve the purchase of a 2026 Wheeled Coach Ambulance.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of one (1) Wheeled Coach ambulance from Emergency Vehicles 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.

7c. Motion – To approve the purchase of a Speed Radar/Changeable Message Sign Trailer.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a new radar speed display/changeable message sign trailer from Applied Concepts Inc. at a cost not-to-exceed \$20,884.00.

7d. Motion – To approve the purchase of Motorola Radio Microphones.

RESOLVED: To approve 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, utilizing state forfeiture funds.

7e. Motion – To approve the purchase of two truck upfits.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of two utility/service body upfits by Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc. of Howell, Michigan through the Rochester Hills contract RFP-RH-20-023 in the amount of \$72,360.

7f. Motion – To approve the cost participation agreement with the County of Oakland Board of Commissioners associated with Butler Road improvements.

RESOLVED: To approve the cost participation agreement with the County of Oakland Board of Commissioners associated with Butler Road improvements, granting \$75,778 to the City of Auburn Hills.

7g. Motion – To approve the purchase of new hydrants and accessories needed for the Executive Hills Road Project.

RESOLVED: To approve EJ Order in the amount of \$28,752.69 for the parts necessary to complete Executive Hills Road Project and Replenish Water Department Inventory.

7h. Motion – To approve the purchase of two 10" water meters for the new GM Facility Fire Main Loop RESOLVED: To approve water meter purchase through supplier EJP, in the Amount of \$14,790.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.06.097 Motion Carried (6 - 0)

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To approve a cost participation agreement for Brown Road pathway connections.

Mr. Baldante conveyed that Orion Township received funding from the State to construct a pathway around the General Motors plant as well as other continued road and traffic improvements to Brown Road. He provided the location of the new pathway system, and the cost to the city associated with the project.

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the cost participation agreement and the transfer of funds as noted in the memo to cover the expenses related to the cost participation agreement.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.06.098 Motion Carried (6 - 0)

9b. Motion – To execute a contract and approve a budget amendment for the relocation of power conduits associated with the Parking Deck Extension.

Mr. Baldante reported that the proposed footings for the parking deck extension are in direct conflict with the current electrical conduit that supplies power to the Auburn Square apartments, some of the downtown businesses and the parking garage. The project will need to rerun the conduit lines and in doing so, there will be a temporary interruption of power. The power will be supplied by generators for 24-48 hours. He commented that if the power disruption is longer than 48 hours, per the contract, there is no additional cost other than fuel. The parking deck extension is budgeted for construction in 2026, but the relocation of conduit lines needs to take place immediately to support the progress of the Webster development and put in place the underground utilities prior to commencement of the parking deck extension.

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To amend the Capital Project fund by increasing appropriations to GL# 101-901-975.000 PKSTRUC by \$110,321.40. Also to award the construction contract to SAIF Construction and Restoration in the amount of \$93,560.40 and the rental agreement for 2 generators with Michigan Cat in the amount of \$16,761.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.06.099 Motion Carried (6 - 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

City Council Members commented on the Memorial Day festivities and the great turnout by the residents.

Mr. Knight commented that Priority Waste is leaving cans in the roadway and not showing caution.

Mayor Marzolf thanked the American Legion for the work that went the Memorial Day parade and picnic. He took time to recognize Gary Chapman and his retirement after serving the city for 45 years with the Fire Department. He shared that Mr. Chapman was recognized as Fire Fighter of the Year three different times.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Tanghe reminded the residents of the Summer Hours that the City holds from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13a. Motion - To meet in closed session to discuss a confidential legal update regarding pending litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To meet in closed session to discuss a confidential legal update regarding pending litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.06.100 Motion Carried (6 - 0)

13b. Motion - To meet in closed session to discuss a confidential legal opinion regarding the acquisition of property under MCL 15.268(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To meet in closed session to discuss a confidential legal opinion regarding the acquisition of property under MCL 15.268(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.06.101 Motion Carried (6 - 0)

The meeting recessed to Closed Session at 7:37 PM.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 8:33 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.06.102 Motion Carried (6 - 0)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Brian W. Marzolf, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk