

# **CITY OF AUBURN HILLS**

# REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 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,

Absent: Council Member McDaniel and Verbeke

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Asst City Manager Skopek, City Attorney Kelly, City Clerk Pierce, Deputy Chief of Police McGraw, Lieutenant Hesse, Fire Chief Massingill, Asst Fire Chief Robinson, Administrative Officer Owen, Community Development Director Cohen, Asst Community Development Director Lang, Recreation & Senior Services Director Adcock, Senior Services Program Coordinator Monroy, DPW Director Baldante, Asst to the Manager Hagge, Engineer Driesenga

37 Guests

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Workshop Minutes, August 4, 2025

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Workshop Minutes of August 4, 2025.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.08.128 Motion Carried (5 - 0)

4b. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, August 4, 2025

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2025.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.08.129 Motion Carried (5 - 0)

# 5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Administration of oath to Firefighter Andrew Lajoie

Chief Massingill administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter Andrew Lajoie.

5b. Promotion of Brittany Ebersole to the rank of Lieutenant

Chief Massingill recognized the promotion of Brittany Ebersole to the rank of Lieutenant.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. David Sanders, 224 Juniper St. shared concerns about Priority Waste. He also shared his concerns about cars not stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalks in the downtown. Mayor Marzolf shared that people need to be aware of what is going on around them.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

## 7a. Board and Commission Minutes

- 7a1. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, July 15, 2025
- 7a2. Planning Commission, August 6, 2025

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

7b. Motion – To approve the installation of digital radar speed signs in City right of way.

RESOLVED: To approve the installation of five radar speed signs, purchased by the Tax Increment Finance Authority from Radarsign LLC, in the city right-of-way at the locations listed in the memorandum. (Attachment A)

7c. Motion – To approve the budget amendment increasing the 2025 General Fund Fire Administration Appropriations and Revenue.

RESOLVED: To approve amending the 2025 General Fund Fire Administration budget with an increase of \$981,087.00 in revenue and an increase in appropriations of \$3,317,450.

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Knight.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.08.130 Motion Carried (5 - 0)

# 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### 9. **NEW BUSINESS**

9a. Motion – To approve the Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit / Brose Parking Lot Addition.

Mr. Cohen presented the request to construct an additional 75 parking spaced in the North American Headquarters of Brose. The additional parking will bring the parking spaces to a total of 420 spaces at this location but will require the removal of 54 trees. 24 replacement trees will be planted on the site and the finical equivalent for the remaining 30 trees will be paid to the City's Tree Fund.

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit for Brose North America subject to the conditions of the City's Administrative Review Team.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.08.131 Motion Carried (5 - 0)

## 9b. Motion – To adopt the Age-Friendly Auburn Hills Y2025-2030 Action Plan.

Ms. Adcock and Ms. Monroy presented the Age-Friendly Phase II Plan. Ms. Adcock presented history on the Age Friendly process and what has been followed to meet the needs of the residents. Ms. Monroy presented the findings from the recent conversations with the residents. From these conversations, action will be taken to the concerns they had.

Mr. Hawkins shared his appreciation for the Action Plan. He questioned if there was a program to help seniors to stay in their homes as long as they can. Ms. Adcock commented that there are two programs that will help with senior home assistance as well as other options for safety features for seniors.

Mayor Marzolf commended the Senior Department and Staff for the work completed on the Action Plan.

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To adopt the City of Auburn Hills Age-Friendly 2025-2030 Action Plan as presented and to authorize staff to submit the document to the AARP Livable Communities program.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.08.132 Motion Carried (5 - 0)

#### 10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Knight presented the updates in the downtown area.

Mr. Ferguson echoed the comments regarding the National Night Out event as well as the music in the parks on Friday nights.

Mr. Hawkins wanted to make sure that Ms. Monroy was properly recognized for her promotion to Senior Services Department and he is confident that she will do an excellent job. He also felt the hire to the Recreation Director position was also handled well. He is thankful for the coordination and collaboration of the staff to ensure the services to the residents continue.

Mayor Marzolf shared his thanks for the sidewalk that was replaced during construction in the downtown area. He also was appreciative for the National Night Out Event that involved many partners and was a great evening for those that participated.

# 11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

#### 12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Tanghe shared that the internal process for the budget has been completed. The first presentation of the budget will be on September 22, 2025.

# 13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Hawkins.

**RESOLVED:** To adjourn the meeting.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.08.133 Motion Carried (5 - 0)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

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Brian W. Marzolf, Mayor	Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

# **ATTACHMENT A**

# **Excerpt from Memo Referenced in the Resolution:**

At its meeting on August 12, 2025, the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) approved the purchase of five new digital radar speed signs from Radarsign LLC. The signs will be installed in TIF District D at the following locations:

- Southbound Cross Creek Pkwy, north of High Meadow Cir.
- Westbound Cross Creek Pkwy, west of Valleyview Dr.
- Eastbound High Meadow Cir., west of HIROTEC America
- Northbound High Meadow Cir., near US Farathane
- Southbound Five Points Dr., near 3385 Five Points Dr.