CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Marzolf at 7:00 PM.

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, Police Chief Gagnon, Fire Chief Massingill, Asst Fire Chief Robinson, Capt Strunk, DPW Director Baldante, Mgr of Roads & Fleet Hefner, Finance Director/Treasurer Schulz, Asst Community Development Director Lang, Economic Development Dir Carroll, Recreation & Senior Services Director Adcock, Senior Services Program Coordinator Monroy, Human Resources Mgr Parpart, Asst to the Manager Hagge, Engineer Driesenga

75 Guests

A workshop session was held prior to the regular City Council meeting at 5:30 PM. Workshop Topic: Budget Workshop (1 of 2)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, September 8, 2025

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2025.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.09.137 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Motion – To confirm the appointment of Trevin Robinson as Fire Chief.

Mr. Tanghe introduced Asst. Fire Chief Trevin Robinson and requested confirmation of his appointment as Fire Chief effective October 4, 2025.

Moved by McDaniel, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation of the City Manager and confirm the appointment of Trevin Robinson to the position of Fire Chief, effective at midnight on October 4, 2025.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.09.138 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

5b. Promotion of Mike Strunk to Deputy Fire Chief.

Asst. Chief Robinson introduced Capt. Mike Strunk and announced that he will serve as the Deputy Fire Chief effective October 4, 2025.

5c. Presentation from Main Street Oakland County

Ms. Carroll stated that the City has earned a National Main Street accreditation. This honor reflects the City's continued dedication to revitalization and creating a vibrant downtown.

Annaka Norris, Principal Planner for Main Street Oakland County, explained that the Main Street Program is an economic development tool for downtowns. She presented the Main Street America 2025 Affiliate Program plaque to Ms. Carroll in recognition of meeting the performance standards in 2024.

5d. Motion – To confirm the appointment of Brandon Dadou to the DDA.

Mr. Dadou introduced himself and expressed his appreciation for consideration of this appointment.

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Brandon Dadou to the Downtown Development Authority for a term ending November 2026.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.09.139 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Planning Commission, September 10, 2025

7a2. Zoning Board of Appeals, September 11, 2025

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

7b. Motion – To amend the 2025 Local Streets Fund, Major Streets Fund, and General Fund Street Improvement.

RESOLVED: To amend the Local Streets fund revenues with an increase of $1,037,000, the Major Streets fund revenue with an increase of $590,000, and the General Fund Street Improvement department appropriations with an increase of $1,627,000.

7c. Motion – To purchase structural firefighting gear.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of fifteen (15) sets of turnout gear from Phoenix Safety Outfitters through Sourcewell in the amount not to exceed $59,760.00 from GL: 101-339-799.000-LABORECONOPP and 101-339-799.000.

7d. Motion – To approve the purchase of a 2026 Dodge Durango.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a Dodge Durango GT AWD for $38,577.00 from LaFontaine Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram FIAT of Lansing, MI under the MiDEAL contract.

7e. Motion – To approve the 2025-2026 Winter Operations Agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County.

RESOLVED: To approve the 2025-2026 Winter Operations Agreement between the City of Auburn Hills and the Road Commission for Oakland County. Services to be reimbursed from the Road Commission for Oakland County to the City of Auburn Hills in the amount of $51,711.33.

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 25.09.140 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To approve the Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit / Auburn Hills Municipal Campus Fuel Island.

Mr. Lang explained the request from the Tax Increment Finance Authority and the Department of Public Works to construct a municipal fuel island and related infrastructure on the City's campus. The fuel island will be equipped with one dual dispenser pump and will reduce reliance on the existing fuel island at the DPW facility. It will also increase efficiency for several City departments by eliminating the need to travel to the north end of the City to refuel.

Mr. Tanghe explained that the efficiencies include the time spent traveling to the DPW facility and the additional mileage and depreciation on the vehicles that are driving back and forth.

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit for the Auburn Hills Municipal Campus Fuel Island subject to the conditions of the City's Administrative Review Team.

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 25.09.141 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

9b. Motion – To approve a budget amendment and award contracts for a new traffic signal at N. Squirrel Road and Shimmons Road.

Mr. Baldante explained that a traffic signal analysis was performed in 2024 with results showing that a traffic signal is warranted at the corner of N. Squirrel and Shimmons Rd. The pedestrian crossing signs will be replaced with a mast-arm configuration, new signal controller and cabinet, vehicular detection and countdown pedestrian signals with push buttons. He confirmed that this project will be completed in the spring of 2026.

Moved by McDaniel, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To approve a budget amendment increasing appropriations to the Major Road fund in the amount of $77,878.32 and approve a contract with Rauhorn Electric for $326,878.32, for the installation of a new traffic signal at N. Squirrel Road and Shimmons Road. In addition, approve contracts with OHM Advisors and G2 Consulting in the amount of $55,000 for construction services, contract administration and materials testing as part of the project.

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke
No: None

Resolution No. 25.09.142 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Knight thanked DPW for their quick response to replacing the light that was out at Juniper and Grey Rd. He expressed that the Sips and Sounds fundraiser for Neighborhood House was a marvelous event. He invited the public to attend his talk on the history of the City.

Mr. McDaniel thanked Chief Massingill for his dedicated service to the City.

Ms. Verbeke noted that Joslyn Rd and Brown Rd is finally opened, but noted that Brown Rd is still under construction. She congratulated Chief Massingill on his retirement and thanked him for his service.

Dr. Fletcher acknowledged the drainage work being done at Tienken and Squirrel. She expressed that the Chamber event called Driven by Innovation was wonderful.

Mr. Ferguson commented on his attendance at the Michigan Municipal League Conference last week. He invited the public to attend the Fall Festival at Hawk Woods Park on October 4th.

Mr. Hawkins stated that the MML Conference was a great networking and learning event. He noted that the line markings on the basketball court at River Woods Park need to be repainted. He suggested that park benches be added near the basketball court as well. He thanked Chief Massingill for his service on the Fire Department.

Mayor Marzolf expressed congratulations and thanks to outgoing Chief Massingill for helping train and mentor the new fire chief and deputy fire chief.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.09.143 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Brian W. Marzolf, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk