CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 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, Deputy Police Chief McGraw, Fire Chief Robinson, DPW Director Baldante, Mgr of Municipal Properties Wisser, Mgr of Fleet & Roads Hefner, Fieldstone Golf Club General Manager Hierlihy, Finance Director/Treasurer Schulz, Asst to the Manager Hagge, Engineer Driesenga

7 Guests

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Workshop Minutes, September 22, 2025

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Workshop Minutes of September 22, 2025.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.10.144 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

4b. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, September 22, 2025

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2025.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 25.10.145 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Sanders of 224 Juniper St., commented on the medical dispensaries election mail that he received. Mayor Marzolf mentioned that since it is an election season taking place, election material will be circulated and that this is not the forum to discuss such items.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Knight and Ms. Verbeke requested Item 7b (2026 Meeting Schedule) be removed from the Consent Agenda.

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Downtown Development Authority, August 25, 2025

7a2. Public Safety Advisory Committee, August 26, 2025

7a3. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, September 16, 2025

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

7c. Motion – To award the Fieldstone Golf Club cart path paving and drainage improvements to Titan Pavement.

RESOLVED: To award the Fieldstone Golf Club Cart Path Paving and Drainage Improvements project to Titan Pavement for a total of $146,550.00, with $81,650.00 for 2025 work and $64,900.00 for 2026 work contingent upon 2026 budget approval.

7d. Motion – To amend the 2025 Major Street Fund and the General Fund Street Improvement Department.

RESOLVED: To amend the Major Streets fund revenue and the General Fund's Street Improvement department appropriations with increases of $80,000.

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. 25.10.146 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

7b. Motion – To approve the 2026 City Council Meeting Schedule.

Mr. Knight requested this item be removed to discuss changing the meeting dates for City Council back to the second and fourth Mondays. It was addressed that the meeting dates are based on the City Council Rules of Procedure. If the dates are to be changed, the process to change the City Council Rules would need to be followed accordingly.

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the 2026 City Council Meeting Schedule.

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

No: Knight

Resolution No. 25.10.147 **Motion Carried (6 - 1)**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To approve the permanent change to a polling location.

Ms. Pierce presented the proposed change to move the polling location from the Presbyterian Church to Avondale High School. She explained that the Election Commission approved changes to the precinct boundaries, which reduced the number of precincts from nine to seven. Moving the polling location to the

High School will reduce the number of polling locations from six to five and allow for a better precinct layout and parking. If approved, this change will take place in 2026 and voters would be notified of the change.

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To approve the permanent change to the polling location currently located at Auburn Hills Presbyterian Church, 3456 Primary Street to Avondale High School, 2800 Waukegan, effective January 1, 2026.

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke
No: None
Resolution No. 25.10.148 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

9b. Motion – To adopt the revised Early Voting Plan.

Ms. Pierce provided an overview of the Early Voting plan that was approved by City Council. In reviewing the past elections, it is not feasible to add an additional day of Early Voting as approved in the current Early Voting plan. The additional day will interfere with the well-being of the Election Inspectors, and Election Day preparations by staff.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To adopt the following revised plan for the City of Auburn Hills Early Voting:

- **That the polling location for early voting continue to be held in the Community Room at the Public Safety Building, 1899 N. Squirrel Rd.**
- **To conduct nine days of early voting for federal and statewide elections from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM each day, except for the Thursday before the election which will be from noon – 8:00 PM.**
- **To conduct three days of early voting for non-statewide and non-federal elections beginning on the Friday before the election and ending on the Sunday before the election from 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM each day.**

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke
No: None
Resolution No. 25.10.149 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Knight commented that he was at Old Adams recently and is pleased with the progress they are making. He thanked the Finance Department for their hard work on the budget.

Ms. Verbeke thanked the Recreation Department for the Fall Festival at Hawk Woods. She requested that benches be installed at the park. She shared that she received a complaint regarding the land over by Great Lakes Crossings where the dome was located. Mr. Tanghe stated that this is still in a legal process. She shared her concerns with people violating the weight limits on Taylor Road. Deputy Chief McGraw commented that the Police Department is looking into load limits and will respond once they have finalized their findings.

Dr. Fletcher discussed complaints that she has received regarding social media posts not properly representing the diversity of the City.

Mr. Ferguson commented on the Fall Festival and shared his appeal to get people to slow down on the roads.

Mayor Marzolf thanked the Finance Team for their hard work on the 2026 Budget.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

13. CLOSED SESSION

13a. Motion - To meet in closed session to discuss property acquisition pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(d) of the Open Meetings Act.

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To meet in closed session to discuss property acquisition pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(d) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

Resolution No. 25.10.150 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

The meeting recessed to Closed Session at 7:31 PM.
Ms. Verbeke left at 7:45 PM.
The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 8:04 PM

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of a vacant parcel of land with property identification number 14-25-401-003 owned by Oakland Estates MHC Holdings LLC in the amount of $85,000; and authorize the city manager to enter into a purchase agreement as well as authorize him to sign all documents on behalf of the city up to and including those required at closing.

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

Resolution No. 25.10.151 **Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.

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

Resolution No. 25.10.152 **Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Brian W. Marzolf, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk