



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2025

CALL TO ORDER & Mayor Marzolf at 5:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

LOCATION:

Admin Conference Room, City Hall, 1827 N. Squirrel Rd, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Present: Council Members Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, and Verbeke

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Asst City Manager Skopek, City Clerk Pierce, Deputy Police Chief McGraw, Fire Chief Robinson, Deputy Fire Chief Strunk, Finance Director/Treasurer Schulz, Deputy Treasurer Jones, Accountant Lines, Accountant Moss, Community Development Director Cohen, Economic Development Director Carroll, DPW Director Baldante, Mgr of Roads & Fleet Hefner, Recreation Director Stepp, Senior Services Director Monroy, Asst to the Manager Hagge

0 Guests

Workshop Topic: Budget Workshop (2 of 2)

In reviewing the 2026-2030 Assumptions, Mr. Moss pointed out that two road projects were deferred beyond 2030 which reduced projected draw on the general fund compared to the previous workshop.

Mr. Lines provided an overview of the general fund and explained that the major expense for most departments are the wages and benefits.

Ms. Jones reviewed the TIFA budget. She noted that the reoccurring expenses will have to be funded by the City after the sunset of TIFA. She reviewed the DDA and Brownfield Authority budgets. In response to a question regarding the TIFA sunset, Ms. Schulz explained that it is still six years out. She explained that the City's revenue share will come back to the City and the rest will go to the other taxing authorities. She stated that the City will see the impact of it going into the 2028 budget.

In response to a question about extending the DDA, Mr. Tanghe explained that it contractually ends in 2029, however the City could ask the county if they would reconsider a new agreement. Ms. Carroll noted that the County is aware of the City's interest in pursuing this.

In response to a question about the use of Brownfield funds for Kayak Point Park, Ms. Carroll explained that it depends on whether the City is successful in obtaining the grant from the EPA, which would cover the worst part of that site, but not the entire site. The City would be eligible to apply for additional cleanup funding on that site as well.

Ms. Schulz reviewed the total City budget in terms of revenues and expenditures. She further reviewed the Wayne Disposal, tree ordinance, special circumstances and metro act funds. She noted that the City

plans to use the drug forfeiture fund to support a K9 program.

Ms. Schulz concluded by noting that a workshop will be scheduled next year to review the City's debt and potential options moving forward. Mr. Tanghe noted that there will be discussions about a fire millage as well.

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Brian W. Marzolf, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk