



# CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

### MINUTES

NOVEMBER 24, 2025

#### OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AT 7:00 PM

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected City Council Members.

**CALL TO ORDER &** Mayor Hawkins at 7:03 PM.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

**LOCATION:** Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills MI

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Council Members Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, Moniz and Verbeke

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Asst City Manager Skopek, City Attorney Kelly, City Clerk Pierce, Police Chief Gagnon, Fire Chief Robinson, Asst Chief Strunk, DPW Director Baldante, Community Development Director Cohen, Economic Development Mgr Carroll, Senior Services Director Monroy, Asst to the Manager Hagge, Engineer Driesenga

27 Guests

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2025

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Fletcher.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2025.

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

No: None

**Resolution No. 25.11.175**

**Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

#### 5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Promotion of Bryan Shambeck to Captain

Chief Robinson recognized the promotion of Bryan Shambeck to the rank of Fire Captain.

5b. Best Public Space Project awarded by the Michigan Downtown Association

Ms. Carroll announced that the City's downtown Public Square was recognized by the Michigan Downtown Association as the 2025 Best Public Space Project. The Michigan Downtown Association honored this project for outstanding place-making, careful design and positive impact on downtown vitality.

#### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### 7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Motion – To amend the 2025 General Fund Senior Services Department Budget.

**RESOLVED:** To amend the 2025 General Fund Senior Services Department budget, increasing appropriations by \$1,600 and increasing revenue \$9,000.

7b. Motion – To amend the 2025 Fleet Budget.

**RESOLVED: To amend the 2025 Fleet Vehicle account by \$130,409.00 for the 2026 Freightliner SD108+ chassis approved for purchase on April 21, 2025.**

7c. Motion - To approve the amendment to the 2025-2026 Winter Maintenance Agreement with the Road Commission of Oakland County.

**RESOLVED: To approve the amendment to the 2025-2026 Winter Maintenance Agreement with the Road Commission of Oakland County.**

7d. Motion – To rescind the City Council’s November 17, 2025, Declaration of Vacancy.

**RESOLVED: To rescind the City Council’s November 17, 2025, declaration of a vacancy on city council.**

**Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Moniz.**

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

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 25.11.176**

**Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL**

Mr. Knight expressed that he is happy to continue serving on City Council. He requested an update on the progress of the Station 1 renovations. Chief Robinson explained that Stations 1 and 3 will be finished closer to the end of this year. Mr. Knight stated that the tree downtown is magnificent.

Mr. Moniz expressed congrats to Capt. Shambeck on his promotion. He expressed condolences to Inspector Toss on the loss of his mother.

Ms. Verbeke welcomed back Mr. Knight. She questioned the type of signage for shopping at the mall on Friday. Chief Gagnon explained that they will be deploying the changeable message signs in the area and have the ability to control the traffic lights in coordination with the RCOC. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Dr. Fletcher noted that the area is very dark on Dutton Rd/Brown Rd between Squirrel Rd and Lapeer Rd. She asked what the procedure is to have streetlights installed. Mr. Baldante stated that they will review the area to see if it makes sense to add street lighting. He noted that some areas are darker because there is less pedestrian traffic in those areas. She wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Ferguson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Marzolf welcomed back Mr. Knight and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He noted that residents on Bald Mountain Rd are concerned with the construction traffic that is coming from the residential development. Mr. Tanghe responded that staff followed up on this today. He explained that there was a communication failure on the part of whoever oversaw directing traffic. They were notified today that traffic is to come in from Dutton Rd.

Mayor Hawkins expressed congrats to Capt. Shambeck on his promotion and to Ms. Carroll and the DDA for the award. He welcomed back Mr. Knight and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He

**11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

None

**12. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

-Happy Thanksgiving.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

13a. Motion - To discuss a confidential legal update regarding pending litigation under MCL 15.268(1)(e).

**Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Verbeke.**

**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.

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

No: None

**Resolution No. 25.11.177**

**Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

The meeting recessed to Closed Session at 7:28 PM.

The meeting was reconvened in Open Session at 8:31 PM.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Ferguson**

**RESOLVED:** To adjourn the meeting.

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

No: None

**Resolution No. 25.11.178**

**Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.