



**CITY OF AUBURN HILLS**  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES

**JANUARY 5, 2026**

**CALL TO ORDER &** Mayor Hawkins 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, Moniz

Absent: Council Member Verbeke.

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Asst City Manager Skopek, City Attorney Kelly, City Clerk Pierce, Police Chief Gagnon, Fire Chief Robinson, Community Development Director Cohen, Asst Community Development Director Lang, Mgr. of Municipal Properties Wisser, Engineer Driesenga

6 Guests

A workshop session was held prior to the regular City Council meeting at 5:30 PM. Workshop Topic: Discussion of Fire Millage.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4a. City Council Workshop Minutes, December 8, 2025

**Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Moniz.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Workshop Minutes of December 8, 2025.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 26.01.001**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

4b. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, December 8, 2025

**Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Marzolf.**

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

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 26.01.002**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

**5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

5a. Motion - To confirm the appointment of Sam Beidoun to the Zoning Board of Appeals, ending on July 31, 2026.

**Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Ferguson.**

**RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Sam Beidoun to the Zoning Board of Appeals, ending on July 31, 2026.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 26.01.003**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Downtown Development Authority Informational Meeting, December 1, 2025

7a2. Downtown Development Authority, December 1, 2025

7a3. Planning Commission, December 10, 2025

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

**Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Knight.**

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

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 26.01.004**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL**

Mr. Knight commented that he appreciates the downtown ambiance. He shared that he feels the City had an outstanding year.

Dr. Fletcher thanked the staff at Hawk Woods and commented that they were outstanding during an event that she had there.

Mr. Marzolf thanked the Fire Chief for the presentation at the workshop.

Mayor Hawkins also thanked staff for the workshop and informed residents of the Budget Guide that explains how the tax dollars are used.

**11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

**12. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Tanghe commented that there is a new business in the downtown area, Common Roots.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Fletcher.**

**RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 26.01.005**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

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Eugene Hawkins III, Mayor

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Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk