



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

JANUARY 19, 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, and Verbeke

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Asst City Manager Skopek, City Attorney Kelly, City Clerk Pierce, Chief of Police Gagnon, Fire Chief Robinson, Public Works Director Baldante, Mgr of Fleet & Roads Hefner, Dir of Community Development Cohen, Commercial-Industrial Appraiser Griffin, Dir of Senior Services Monroy Krieg, Senior Services Program Coordinator Kilian, IT Manager Green, Asst to the City Manager Hagge, Engineer Driesenga

6 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Workshop Minutes, January 5, 2026

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Workshop Minutes of January 5, 2026.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.01.006

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

4b. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2026

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Moniz.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2026.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.01.007

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Motion – To confirm the appointment of Michael Long to the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

Mr. Michael Long introduced himself and shared that he is pleased to accept the position on the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Michael Long to the Tax Increment Finance Authority for a term ending February 28, 2029.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.01.008

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5b. Introduction of Tess Kilian, Senior Services Program Coordinator.

Ms. Monroy Krieg introduced the new Senior Services Program Coordinator.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anthony Barash of 290 Jotham Ave. spoke on the topic of a Youth Leadership Commission.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Tax Increment Finance Authority Informational Meeting, December 17, 2025

7a2. Tax Increment Finance Authority, December 17, 2025

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

7b. Motion – To allow the Public Works Director or City Manager to execute a purchase agreement for 0.54 acres of forested wetland credits as part of the Riverwalk Pathway Project.

RESOLVED: To allow the Public Works Director or City Manager to execute a Wetland Mitigation Sales Agreement with 72nd Ave Farm, LLC for the purchase of wetland mitigation credits needed to obtain the permit from EGLE for the Riverwalk Pathway Project subject to funding approval from the TIFA Board.

7c. Motion – To authorize the purchase of an annual VMware licensing and support subscription.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of an annual VMware license and support subscription from CDW Government, 75 Remittance Drive, Suite 1515, Chicago, IL under MiDeal contract number 071B6600110. Total costs shall not exceed \$58,707.20. Further, authorize a budget amendment to increase appropriations in the 2026 General Fund MIS Department budget by \$27,708.

7d. Motion – To amend the General Fund Assessing Budget.

RESOLVED: To amend the General Fund Assessing department budget increasing appropriations \$1,200.

7e. Motion – To approve the purchase of 139 water meters for the Meter Maintenance Program and new builds.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of 139 water meters from Everett J Prescott and Ferguson Enterprises in the amount of \$106,322.24.

7f. Motion – To approve the upfit of a 2026 Ford Cab & Chassis.

RESOLVED: To amend the fleet vehicle account by \$47,730.00 and approve the purchase of the Ford 600 Cab & Chassis upfit by Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc. of Howell, Michigan through the Rochester Hills contract RFP-RH-20-023 in the amount of \$126,125.00.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.01.009

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To approve design services for the 2026 Civic Campus Improvements.

Mr. Hefner proposed the Civic Campus Improvements which are included in the Department of Public Works Capital Improvement Plan for 2026. The design and construction of the new fueling island will be for City fleet vehicles to aid in reducing service interruptions caused by refueling off site. The project will also include reconstruction of Seyburn Drive, rehabilitation of the Community Center and Library Parking Lots and the installation of a new water main loop along Seyburn to service the new fuel island.

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To approve the OHM Advisors engineering services scope for the 2026 Civic Campus Improvements including the Fuel Island, Seyburn Drive, & Parking Lots in the not to exceed amount of \$185,000, material testing to G2 Consulting in the estimated amount of \$15,000, and Fuel Island Design to Oscar W Larson in the amount of \$64,546.30 totaling \$264,546.30. Funding will be provided from the accounts as broken down in the body of the memo and are pending approval from the TIFA board.

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

Resolution No. 26.01.010

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Knight gave great praise for the MLK Day celebration that took place. He also thanked DPW for the work on the roads during this winter.

Mr. Moniz sought clarification on the use at the former YMCA location. It was explained that it is in the process of becoming the headquarters for a convenient store vending service. He also shared that residents by the Bald Mountain and Pinecrest areas were without power and sought clarification on the situation. Mr. Baldente stated that they are looking into it and will correct any problems.

Dr. Fletcher praised Ms. Monroy Krieg for the organization and presentation at the MLK Day event. She also commented on the traffic light at Shimmons and is eager for the installation to take place in the Spring.

Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Marzolf and Mayor Hawkins commented on the excellent work that is taking place by clearing the snow off the roads and the MLK Day event including the blanket project.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

13. CLOSED SESSION

13a. Motion – 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.

Moved by Ferguson, 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. 26.01.011

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

The meeting was recessed to closed session at 7:32 PM.

The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:17 PM.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To authorize the city attorney to execute the consent judgment in the case of OYK Five Points, LLC, and the City of Auburn Hills, Case No. 25-215041-AA, under the terms and conditions of the document presented to City Council on January 19, 2026.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.01.012

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Moniz

RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.01.013

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Eugene Hawkins III, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk