



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

FEBRUARY 2, 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, Chief of Police Gagnon, Fire Chief Robinson, Public Works Director Baldante, Mgr of Fleet & Roads Hefner, Finance Director/Treasurer Schulz, Engineer Juidici

7 Guests

A workshop session was held prior to the regular City Council meeting at 5:30 PM. Workshop Topic: Roads Division / Bringing Local Road Improvements In-house

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

4a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, January 19, 2026

**Moved by Knight, Seconded by Moniz.**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2026.

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

No: None

**Resolution No. 26.02.014**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

**5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

5a. Motion - To confirm the appointment of Elaine Evans to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term ending November 20, 2027.

Ms. Elaine Evans introduced herself and shared that she is looking forward to learning and giving back to the City.

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

**RESOLVED:** To confirm the appointment of Elaine Evans to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term ending November 20, 2027.

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

No: None

**Resolution No. 26.02.015**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

5b. Motion - To confirm the reappointment of Jay Boelter to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term ending November 20, 2027.

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

**RESOLVED:** To confirm the reappointment of Jay Boelter to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term ending November 20, 2027.

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

**Resolution No. 26.02.016**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

5c. Motion – To confirm the reappointment of Donearl Johnson to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term ending November 20, 2027.

**Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Ferguson.**

**RESOLVED:** To confirm the reappointment of Donearl Johnson to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term ending November 20, 2027.

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

**Resolution No. 26.02.017**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

5d. Motion – To confirm the reappointment of Gail Cartwright to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term ending November 20, 2027.

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

**RESOLVED:** To confirm the reappointment of Gail Cartwright to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for a term ending November 20, 2027.

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

**Resolution No. 26.02.018**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Moniz requested that Item 7d (purchase of two Tahoe PPVs to replace two police vehicles) be removed from the Consent Agenda.

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Zoning Board of Appeals, January 15, 2026

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

7b. Motion – To reappoint Yeo & Yeo, PC as the independent financial and compliance auditors.

**RESOLVED:** To reappoint Yeo and Yeo, PC as the City's independent financial and compliance auditor for fiscal years 2026-2028. Further, to authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate engagement of services at the fees proposed for the City of Auburn Hills audit.

7c. Motion – To approve the Oakland County P25 Simulcast System (Public Safety Radio System) Interlocal Agreement.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the Oakland County P25 Simulcast System Interlocal Agreement between Oakland County and the City of Auburn Hills and to authorize the Chief of Police to sign the agreement on behalf of the city.

**Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Knight.**

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

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

**Resolution No. 26.02.019**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

7d. Motion – To approve the purchase of two Tahoe PPVs to replace two police vehicles.

Mr. Moniz removed this item to discuss possibly incorporating the grappler device on these vehicles. Chief Gagnon shared that a decision has not been made at this time as they are pricey to install on patrol vehicles and because it is a newer product for the police industry, the risk to the public would need to be considered.

**Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Marzolf.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Tahoe PPVs listed above for \$111,782.00 from LaFontaine Automotive Group of China Township, MI under the MiDEAL contract #240000001210.**

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

**Resolution No. 26.02.020**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

9a. Motion – To approve design services for Cross Creek & Squirrel HAWK Crossing.

Mr. Hefner explained the project that involves a High-Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) signal installation and pedestrian improvements for North Squirrel Road at Cross Creek Parkway. It was explained that in 2024, a grant was received for this project that will cover 90% of the cost. The remaining 10% will be the responsibility of the City. The design services for this project will include a not-to-exceed amount of \$40,000 to OHM Advisors while G2 Consulting will be used for geotechnical services for an estimated cost of \$5,000.

**Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Fletcher.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the design contract for the Cross Creek & Squirrel HAWK Crossing to OHM Advisors in the not-to-exceed amount of \$40,000 and geotechnical services to G2 Consulting at the estimated cost of \$5,000 for the estimated total of \$45,000.**

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

**Resolution No. 26.02.021**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

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

Mr. Knight supported the HAWK Crossing because it allows a place to safely cross and is a great addition to the pedestrians. He thanked DPW for keeping the roads clean during the snowstorms and for their quick response to damaged mailboxes. He shared that he is pleased with the new stores in the Downtown Area.

Mr. Moniz suggested that there are no City Council Meetings held on Martin Luther King Day so that the holiday could be properly commemorated. It will be discussed again in the Fall when next year's meeting schedule is presented.

Mr. Marzolf stated that he supports the HAWK Crossing at Cross Creek because he continues to want to see the City become pedestrian friendly. He thanked the DPW Director for the presentation that took place at the workshop.

Mayor Hawkins congratulated Ms. Evans on being appointed to PSAC and the other board members on their reappointments. He welcomed two new businesses to the Downtown Area. He also thanked the Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce for their efforts to grow the business community and their support with the Community Address that was given recently.

**11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

**12. CITY MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Tanghe commented on the Auburn Hills Celebrates America event to be held on June 18<sup>th</sup> for the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. There will be more information forthcoming.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Marzolf.**

**RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.**

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

**No: None**

**Resolution No. 26.02.022**

**Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

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Eugene Hawkins III, Mayor

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Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk