



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

FEBRUARY 16, 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, Deputy Chief of Police McGraw, Fire Chief Robinson, Director of Community Development Cohen, Mgr of Fleet & Roads Hefner, Economic Development Mgr Carroll, Downtown Engagement Specialists DiPassio & Scharfenberg, Asst to the City Manager Hagge, Engineer Driesenga

8 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Workshop Minutes, February 2, 2026

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Moniz.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Workshop Minutes of February 2, 2026.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.02.023

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

4b. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, February 2, 2026

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2026.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.02.024

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Motion – To confirm the reappointment of John Young to the Downtown Development Authority.

Moved by Marzolf, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To confirm the reappointment of John Young to the Downtown Development Authority for a term ending October 31, 2029.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.02.025

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5b. Introduction of Downtown Engagement Specialists.

Ms. Carroll introduced the new Downtown Engagement Specialists Emma Scharfenberg & Miranda DiPassio.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident shared her concerns regarding the AI Center at Oakland University.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, January 22, 2026

7a2. Planning Commission, February 4, 2026

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

7b. Motion – To adopt the updated Fire Department Fee Schedule.

RESOLVED: To adopt the updated Fire Department fee schedule.

7c. Motion – To approve the installation of a 250-year Historical Marker in Aaron Webster Cemetery.

RESOLVED: To approve the installation of a 250-year historical marker within the Aaron Webster Cemetery.

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. 26.02.026

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To approve the Special Land Use Permit to allow for the outside and overnight storage of commercial vehicles / Concraft, Inc.

Mr. Cohen presented the Special Land Use Permit for Concraft Inc. and the request for outside and overnight storage of up to fourteen (14) commercial vehicles. He commented that the vehicles stored behind the building will be screened from North Atlantic Blvd. He shared that there is a robotics company directly behind their location and that there is potential to have some vehicles seen, however, there is vegetation along the property line which should help.

Mr. Nick Crimando, applicant, was available to answer any questions from the City Council.

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the Special Land Use Permit for Concraft, Inc. to allow for the outside and overnight storage of fourteen (14) commercial vehicles at 4225 N. Atlantic Boulevard, subject to the representations made by the company and the conditions of the City’s Administrative Review Team. This permit is non-transferable and shall expire if Concraft, Inc. vacates or ceases operations on the property.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.02.027

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Knight commented on the lights on the trees in the downtown area. He also commented that he is unhappy with the lack of shoveling on the sidewalks. He provided a report from the Brownfield Redevelopment Committee.

Mr. Ferguson shared the information on the Pint-Sized Picassos event taking place at the Community Center. Hee thanked the Historical Society for the new marker.

Mr. Marzolf suggested that the extra snow not being piled so close to the river as it could have debris that will find its way into the river when it starts to melt. He also would like to see the downtown area patrolled as there seems to be a lot of trucks driving through that area again.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.02.028

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Eugene Hawkins III, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk