



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

MAY 14, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & Mayor Hawkins at 4:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, and Moniz
Absent: Council Member Verbeke
Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Skopek, City Attorney Kelly, City Clerk Pierce, Chief of Police Gagnon, Fire Chief Robinson, Asst to the Manager Hagge

1 Guest

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5a. Motion – To adopt the Resolution Ratifying and Consenting to Continuation of Local State of Emergency Declared by the Mayor.

Mr. Tanghe explained that as a result of a regional water main break impacting several area communities, the Mayor declared a Local State of Emergency pursuant to the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390. This declaration expires within seven days. With the declaration expiring on Saturday, City Council must take action to continue the Local State of Emergency declared by Mayor.

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Moniz.

RESOLVED: To adopt the Resolution Ratifying and Consenting to Continuation of Local State of Emergency Declared by the Mayor Pursuant to the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.401 ET SEQ. (Attachment A)

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

Resolution No. 26.05.074

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.

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

Resolution No. 26.05.075

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM.

Eugene Hawkins III, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND CONSENTING TO CONTINUATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE MAYOR PURSUANT TO THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.401 *ET SEQ.*

At a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326, at 4:00 p.m. on the 14th day of May, 2026, the following resolution was offered by Councilperson Ferguson and seconded by Councilperson Moniz:

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn Hills is a Michigan municipal corporation located in Oakland County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, under MCL 30.410(1)(b), a municipality may declare a local state of emergency if circumstances within the municipality indicate that the occurrence or threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property from a natural or human-made cause exists; and

WHEREAS, under MCL 30.410(1)(b), the power to declare a local state of emergency is vested in the chief executive official of the municipality or the official designated by charter, and such declaration may not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days except with the consent of the governing body of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, Great Lakes Water Authority is the regional supplier of municipal water to the City of Auburn Hills and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, early in the week of May 3, 2026, a 42-inch water transmission line located within the City's River Woods Park was observed leaking; and

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of May 10, 2026, the water main burst, causing excessive flooding in the area of the break and requiring personnel from multiple agencies, including the City of Auburn Hills, to respond; and

WHEREAS, the water main at issue supplies multiple communities, and the break has created significant impacts and potential impacts to the City of Auburn Hills, including limited water supply, potential

water service interruption, emergency response needs, public health and safety concerns, and possible business interruption; and

WHEREAS, the City has been working with Great Lakes Water Authority, Oakland County, neighboring communities, and other impacted stakeholders to respond to the water main failure, protect public health, safety, and welfare, and address the needs of residents, businesses, and at-risk populations; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2026, Mayor Eugene Hawkins III, as the chief executive official of the City, issued a written declaration of local state of emergency pursuant to the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, based on the circumstances arising from the water main failure; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the circumstances described in the Mayor’s May 10, 2026, declaration constitute the occurrence or threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property from a natural or human-made cause within the meaning of MCL 30.410(1)(b); and

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that continued emergency measures may be necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, coordinate local multi-agency response, obtain and distribute equipment, materials, and supplies, provide emergency assistance, make contracts, expend funds for disaster purposes, and take other actions authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ratify the May 10, 2026, declaration of local state of emergency and consent to its continuation beyond seven days, as authorized by MCL 30.410(1)(b).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby ratifies and confirms the May 10, 2026, declaration of local state of emergency issued by Mayor Eugene Hawkins III pursuant to the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, MCL 30.401 et seq., including MCL 30.410(1)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council consents to the continuation of the local state of emergency beyond seven days from the date of the Mayor’s declaration, as authorized by MCL 30.410(1)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the local state of emergency shall remain in effect until the emergency conditions have ended, the declaration is terminated by the Mayor, the City Council rescinds or modifies this Resolution, or the declaration otherwise expires under applicable law, whichever occurs first.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the local state of emergency, the Mayor, City Manager, Department Directors, and other appropriate City officials and personnel are authorized, consistent with applicable law and City policies, to take actions necessary or appropriate to respond to the emergency, including but not limited to coordinating local multi-agency response, protecting the health and safety of persons and

property, providing emergency assistance, obtaining and distributing equipment, materials, and supplies, making necessary contracts, and expending funds for emergency and disaster-related purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes and directs City officials to continue coordinating with Great Lakes Water Authority, Oakland County, neighboring communities, state and federal agencies, and other public or private entities as necessary to respond to, mitigate, and recover from the emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, to the extent not already completed, the City Clerk, or other appropriate City official is authorized and directed to file or transmit the declaration of local state of emergency, this Resolution, and any related documentation to the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Department and any other appropriate governmental agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and parts of resolutions, to the extent of any conflict with this Resolution, are hereby superseded for the duration of the local state of emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

AYES: 6 (Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, Moniz)

NAYES: None

ABSENT: 1 (Verbeke)

ABSTENTIONS: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS THEREUPON DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

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COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Laura M. Pierce, the duly qualified and appointed City Clerk of the City of Auburn Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Auburn Hills City Council held on the 14th day of May, 2026, the original of which is on file in my office.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 14th day of May, 2026.

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk