



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

MAY 18, 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, Assistant City Manager Skopek, City Attorney Kelly, Deputy Clerk Klassen, Police Chief Gagon, Fire Chief Robinson, PGA General Mgr at Fieldstone Golf Club Hierlihy, Finance Director Schulz, Accountant Moss, Department of Public Works Director Baldante, Mgr of Public Utilities Deman, Dir of Community Development Cohen, Asst to the Manager Hagge, Engineer Driesenga

45 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Workshop Minutes, May 4, 2026

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Moniz

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Workshop Minutes of May 4, 2026.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.05.076

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

4b. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, May 4, 2026

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Moniz

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2026.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.05.077

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Administration of oath to Firefighter/Paramedic Alixandra Swett and Zachary Dill.

Chief Robinson introduced Alixandra Swett and Zachary Dill as new Firefighters/Paramedics for the City of Auburn Hills.

5b. Promotion of Alan Lee to the rank of Fire Inspector.

Chief Robinson recognized the promotion of Alan Lee to the rank of Fire Inspector.

5c. Motion – To appoint Marie Collias as City Assessor.

Mr. Tanghe recognized Marie Collias for her 15 years of service to the city and her MMACI State of Michigan designation. He recommended her appointment as City Assessor effective June 1, 2026.

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Verbeke

RESOLVED: To appoint Marie Collias as City Assessor with an effective date of June 1, 2026.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.05.078

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Motion – To receive & accept the City’s financial update for the period ending April 30, 2026.

RESOLVED: To receive and accept the City’s financial update for the period ending April 30, 2026, as presented.

7b. Motion – To amend the 2026 Budget increasing revenues of the Major Street Fund and Local Street Fund and increasing expenditures of the General Fund Street Improvement Department.

RESOLVED: To amend the Major Streets Fund revenue with an increase of \$275,000; the Local Streets Fund revenue with an increase of \$1,763,817.22; and the General Fund’s Street Improvement department appropriations with an increase of \$1,000,000.

7c. Motion – To award the 2026 - 2028 Fieldstone Golf Club Luxury Restroom Trailer Rental to PEKLO Portables LLC.

RESOLVED: To award the 2026 - 2028 Fieldstone Golf Club Luxury Restroom Trailer Rental to PEKLO Portables LLC in an amount not-to-exceed \$130,379.16. PEKLO Portables LLC was the selected vendor due to the unresponsiveness of the low bidder despite multiple attempts by staff to schedule meetings, discuss the submitted proposal, and obtain additional required information. Furthermore, authorize the City Manager to convey acceptance by purchase order.

7d. Motion – To approve the purchase of two Chevrolet Tahoe PPVs.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Tahoe PPVs listed above for \$119,072.00 from LaFontaine Automotive Group of China Township, MI under the MiDEAL contract #240000001210.

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Marzolf

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.05.079

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

City Council Members thanked the DPW staff for their excellent work with resolving the water main break in a manner that was informative and professional.

Mr. Knight reported on the new pathway that is taking place on Old Adams Road. He also mentioned the Memorial Day Program that will take place on Memorial Day.

Dr. Fletcher reported on the new traffic light that has been installed at N. Squirrel and Shimmons Roads.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Tanghe thanked Steve Baldante for the excellent work that was performed during the water main crisis. He also commented on the support that Stellantis gave in showing corporate responsibility in closing down their buildings during the water main crisis so that the water levels could be maintained for the neighboring communities north of where the water main break took place.

13. CLOSED SESSION

13a. Motion – To meet in closed session to discuss a confidential legal opinion under MCL 15.268(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Moniz

RESOLVED: To meet in closed session to discuss a confidential legal opinion under MCL 15.268(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.05.080

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

The meeting recessed to closed session at 7:40 PM

The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:30 PM

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Moniz

RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.05.081

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Eugene Hawkins III, Mayor

Kristine M. Klassen, Deputy Clerk