



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MINUTES

JUNE 8, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & Mayor Hawkins at 5:35 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

LOCATION: Public Safety Building, Community Room, 1899 N. Squirrel Rd, 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, City Clerk Pierce, Police Chief Gagnon, Fire Chief Robinson, Assessor Collias, Director of Community Development Cohen, Finance Director Schulz, Department of Public Works Director Baldante, Director of Recreation Stepp, Director of Senior Services Monroy-Krieg, PGA General Manager at Fieldstone Golf Club Hierlihy, Asst to the Manager Hagge, Engineer Juidici

1 Guest

4. 2027 GOALS & OBJECTIVES DISCUSSION AND FORMATION

Dr. Douglas Carr facilitated the discussion on the City's 2027 Goals & Objectives. Council reviewed the five existing goals and agreed they should remain unchanged. Each objective associated with the goals was then discussed in detail. Following the review, Council reached consensus on several amendments to existing objectives and the addition of new objectives.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.06.087

Motion Carried (7 - 0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

ATTACHMENT A



FY 2027 Strategic Goals & Objectives

I. Focus relentlessly on fiscal and operational sustainability

- Pursue creative opportunities to fund projects and pursue grants (such as grants from the State and from foundations)
- Effectively leverage existing resources (such as managing workloads)
- Plan for infrastructure development & maintenance
- Leverage opportunities created through external partnerships
- Continue adjusting for the sunset of TIF revenue in Dec 2031 and the DDA tax capture sunset
- Require consistent departmental budget implementation & accountability
- Plan for and invest in electronic systems, communication, and data security
- Pursue DPW satellite

II. Deliver outstanding city services

- Invest in pedestrian facilities
- Effectively manage stormwater and pursue funding solutions
- Continue educating residents about transportation options
- Deliver outstanding public safety
- Respond to the needs of seniors
- Complete installation of an accessible playground
- Evaluate recreational needs of the community and consider options for more robust recreational opportunities
- Evaluate incident response planning, including planning for the Council's role, communications, and operations
- Actively attempt to influence legislative matters

III. Drive strategic community development

- Pursue redevelopment opportunities and incentivizing redevelopment; plan for potential changes with existing commercial properties
- Pursue strategic traffic improvements
- Explore opportunities for repurposing hotels
- Evaluate planning regarding housing types

IV. Continue to grow and support a vibrant, sustainable, safe & connected community

- Continue to keep Auburn Hills friendly and livable for all ages
- Leverage to the greatest degree our natural resources, parks, pathways, and waterways
- Focus on proactive patrols in neighborhoods
- Conduct semi-annual police community engagement meetings with neighborhoods
- Pursue strategic land acquisitions for preservation and focused residential development

V. Retain & attract high quality employees

- Maintain and grow a talented, customer-focused workforce
- Develop strategies for attracting and retaining employees, by city department
- Invest in employees through ongoing training & development
- Focus continuously on succession & business continuity planning