CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

AUGUST 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Hawkins at 7:00 PM.

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, City Clerk Pierce, Chief of Police Gagon, Fire Chief Robinson, Director of Community Development Cohen, Department of Public Works Director Baldante, Manager of Fleet & Roads Hefner, Manager of Municipal Properties Wisser, Deputy Treasurer Jones, Director of Senior Services Monroy Krieg, Senior Support Services Coordinator Cox, Assistant to the City Manager Hagge, Engineer Driesenga

21 Guests

A workshop session was held prior to the regular City Council meeting at 5:30 PM. Workshop Topic: Capital Improvement Plan Review

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2026

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2026.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.08.111 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Motion – To confirm the appointment of Gail Cartwright to the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

Mayor Hawkins shared the accolades of Ms. Cartwright and recommended her to the Tax Increment Finance Authority.

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Gail Cartwright to the Tax Increment Finance Authority for a term ending on February 28, 2029.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.08.112 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

5b. Introduction of Senior Support Services Coordinator, Kathryn Cox

Ms. Monroy-Kreig introduced Ms. Cox as the new Senior Support Services Coordinator.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Daniel Carpenter spoke against the use of Flock cameras.

Mr. Dave Dobay spoke regarding speeding on South Squirrel Rd. and Amazon drones.

Mr. Michael Kazmierski spoke regarding the Friends of the Clinton River Trail Fundraiser.

Ms. Krista Soroka spoke against Flock cameras.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Moniz removed Item 7d (cost reimbursement agreement with Metro Fibernet, LLC) from the Consent Agenda.

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Election Commission, July 16, 2026

7a2. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, July 21, 2026

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

7b. Motion – To amend the 2026 Major Roads Fund for the purchase of early fill salt.

RESOLVED: To amend the 2026 Major Roads fund in the amount of $222,090 for 3,000 tons of early fill salt.

7c. Motion – To receive & file the Mariner Consulting 2nd Quarter Cash Management Investment Performance Review.

RESOLVED: To receive and file the Mariner Consulting 2nd quarter Cash Management Investment Performance Review.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.08.113 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

7d. Motion – To execute a cost reimbursement agreement for overtime inspection services with Metro Fibernet, LLC (Metronet) as part of their fiber-optic telecommunications network buildout.

Mr. Moniz requested clarification on this project and the connection with T-Mobile. Mr. Baldante provided clarification and stated that the city is inspecting the work.

Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To execute a cost reimbursement agreement for overtime inspection services with Metro Fibernet, LLC (Metronet) as part of their fiber-optic telecommunications network buildout.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.08.114 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To approve the Development Agreement between the City of Auburn Hills and US Signal for the property located at 1035 West Entrance Drive.

Mr. Cohen presented the proposed agreement governing the upgrade to the existing data center. He stated that although the project qualifies for administrative approval under the Zoning Ordinance, US Signal voluntarily agreed to enter into a Development Agreement with the City. The agreement provides additional protections and accountability beyond those otherwise required, including enforceable noise performance standards, postconstruction acoustical verification, ongoing monitoring, complaint-response procedures, corrective action requirements, and continued operational accountability. This project is not expected to increase demands on the city infrastructure.

Mr. Cohen explained that there are three main types of data centers; enterprise data center where it serves clients on the server, colocation data center where a company provides all the services for energy, security and cooling, and the hyperscale while very large, uses a lot of energy.

Mr. Tom DeJonge and Zack VanOverbeke representing US Signal provided an overview of the project. It was explained that there will be sound attenuation panels to help with the proposed new exterior chillers. It was also explained that monthly testing will be performed on generators to ensure that they work properly.

Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To approve the Development Agreement between the City of Auburn Hills and US Signal for the property located at 1035 West Entrance Drive and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

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

Resolution No. 26.08.115 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

9b. Motion – To authorize the agreement for Single Hauler Residential Housing Solid Waste Collection.

Mr. Wisser recommended the proposed agreement be granted to Waste Management of Michigan. With the contract with Priority Waste coming to an end and after receiving multiple complaints, the city went to bid for the Single Hauler Residential Housing Solid Waste Collection program. Waste Management was the low bid and will provide new carts to residents in December and pick up old cans. It will include one pre-scheduled bulk item collection per household per week at no additional charge, a 10% senior and veteran discount, and direct monthly billing to residents with convenient online payment options. Waste Management will provide manual and automated services for pick up. The proposed new service will begin on January 1, 2027. A communication campaign will take place in the Fall.

Mr. Doug Reams, Brian Snyder and John Moskal representing Waste Management were present to answer any questions.

The following individuals spoke against the new contract:

- Mr. Mario DiBartolomeo
- Ms. Amy Mackie
- A representative of Priority Waste.

Ms. Verbeke asked for clarification on the cost.

Mr. Wisser stated that since the bid results were so close, the focus became on the service provided.

Ms. Verbeke stated that she has not had any problems with Priority Waste in the past but is looking forward to Waste Management fulfilling their promise of taking care of the residents.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Marzolf.

RESOLVED: To authorize a five-year agreement with WM (Waste Management of Michigan, Inc.) for single hauler residential housing solid waste collection as proposed under the automated collection service model, effective January 1, 2027, at the unit prices set forth in its proposal. The final agreement shall be reviewed and approved by the City Attorney and shall incorporate the Contractor's written clarifications. Furthermore, authorize the City Manager to sign the final agreement on behalf of the City.

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

Resolution No. 26.08.116 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

9c. Motion – To accept the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 54. Solid Waste; to repeal Article II. Garbage and Refuse, of the Auburn Hills City Code and replace it with a new Article II. Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, and Designated Waste Hauler Collection Regulation; and to set for Public Hearing and Second Reading / Adoption at the Meeting on August 24, 2026.

Mr. Cohen presented an amendment to update Chapter 54 of the City Code to add automated residential waste collection system.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To accept the First Reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 54. Solid Waste; to repeal Article II. Garbage and Refuse, of the Auburn Hills City Code and replace it with a new Article II. Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials, and Designated Waste Hauler Collection Regulation; and to set for Public Hearing and Second Reading / Adoption at the meeting on August 24, 2026.

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

Resolution No. 26.08.117 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Knight expressed his delight at the bike patrol he had seen. He was pleased to share that the pathway connection at Forester Square has been completed. He suggested a fund raiser offering the rental of chairs for the concerts in the park.

Mr. Moniz congratulated Fire Chief Robinson on his completion of the National Academy. He also thanked Clerk Pierce for a great August election. He questioned if there were specific times the Amazon drones could be in the air. Mr. Tanghe stated that it is best to share concerns with the FAA. The city website has the information on how to do this under the resident tab.

Dr. Fletcher suggested more election signage being shared. She commented on complaints regarding speeding on South Blvd. She also shared that people would like to know who to contact at the State level regarding having the school district boundaries reevaluated for Auburn Hills.

Mr. Ferguson commented on the Friday night concert.

Mr. Marzolf would like to see restoration take place on Squirrel Road near Stellantis due to repairs from an updated fiberoptics project. He also sought an update on the Avant project on Five Points Drive. Mr. Cohen commented that they have been given a deadline in November to show that they are making progress.

Mayor Hawkins stated he would like to have a follow-up conversation regarding bricks at the Veteran's Memorial. Mr. Tanghe said discussions are taking place regarding this topic and it being offered annually.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

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. 26.08.118 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

13b. Motion – To meet in closed session to discuss property acquisition pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(d) of the Open Meetings Act.

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Marzolf.

RESOLVED: To meet in closed session to discuss property acquisition pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(d) of the Open Meetings Act.

VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, Moniz, Verbeke
No: None
Resolution No. 26.08.119 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

The meeting recessed to Closed Session at 9:11 PM.
The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 9:55 PM.

14. 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. 26.08.120 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM.