



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

CALL TO ORDER & Mayor Pro Tem Marzolf at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Ferguson, Fletcher, Knight, Marzolf, Moniz and Verbeke

Absent: Mayor Hawkins

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Skopek, City Attorney Kelly, City Clerk Pierce, Chief of Police Gagon, Fire Chief Robinson, Deputy Fire Chief Strunk, Assistant Director of Community Development Lang, Economic Development Mgr Carroll, Department of Public Works Director Baldante, Mgr of Municipal Properties Wisser, Engineer Driesenga

10 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, August 24, 2026

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Moniz.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of August 24, 2026.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.09.129

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Patrick Fitch of Auburn Hills shared his disapproval of a code enforcement violation.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Ferguson requested that Item 7g (Purchase of Pumper Fire Engine) be removed from the Consent Agenda.

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Tax Increment Finance Authority, August 20, 2026

7a2. Public Safety Advisory Committee, August 25, 2026

7a3. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, August 25, 2026

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

7b. Motion – To approve the Resolution for Charitable Gaming License.

RESOLVED: To approve the attached resolution recognizing Crossroads Pregnancy Center Inc as a nonprofit organization, operating in the community, for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. (Attachment A)

7c. Motion – To award the 2026 Parking Lot Pavement Preservation Services Contract.

RESOLVED: To award the 2026 Parking Lot Pavement Preservation Services contract (ITB No. CAH-08-26-2026-001) to Titan Pavement of Waterford, Michigan for the current scope of services for

projects identified herein in the not-to-exceed amount of \$69,738.00, at the unit prices bid, and to authorize these unit prices be approved for projects over a two-year term covering the 2026 and 2027 construction seasons with one optional one-year renewal.

7d. Motion – To award the bid for the Public Safety Building Boiler Replacement.

RESOLVED: To award the Public Safety Building Boiler Replacement to W.J. O'Neil Company in the not-to-exceed amount of \$173,600.00.

7e. Motion – To approve the purchase of Ballistic Protective Equipment.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of ballistic protective equipment from Armor Express in the amount of \$10,000 from line item 101-651-799.000 and \$8,778.76 from line item 101-339-799.000 for a total amount not to exceed \$18,778.76.

7f. Motion – To approve the purchase of Motorola APX Portable Radios.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of 3 Motorola APX6000 XE portable radios, 6 Impress portable radio batteries, and 3 Motorola Impress Speaker Microphones from Mobile Communications America (MCA) for an amount not to exceed \$24,450.45 from line 101-339-978.000.

7h. Motion – To approve the resolution renewing the DIRECTV Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement.

RESOLVED: To approve the resolution renewing the DIRECTV Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement. (Attachment B)

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.09.129

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

7g. Motion – To approve the purchase of one Rosenbauer Commander Pumper Fire Engine from Emergency Vehicles Plus.

Mr. Ferguson had this item removed to discuss how this purchase relates to the recently approved fire millage. He shared his gratefulness to the residents for their trust by passing the millage.

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Moniz.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of one (1) Rosenbauer Commander Pumper Fire Engine from Emergency Vehicles Plus through the Sourcewell Government Cooperative Purchasing Program at a cost of \$1,291,723 from line item 661-594-981.000, with an additional \$4,858 from Majik Graphics for decal work from line item 101.339.938.000.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.09.130

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To approve the Demolition and Site Maintenance Agreement for the property at 3551 Hamlin.

Mr. Lang presented the proposed demolition and site maintenance agreement to remove a large and obsolete office building and prepare the property for a new investment. It was shared that the paring lot will remain

until 2028. If there is no user of the property or a purchaser, by that date the parking lot will need to be removed.

Ms. Erin Johnson and Mr. Joe Schiffman of Ashley Capital were present.

Ms. Verbeke sought clarification regarding the parking lot. It was noted that the parking lot is currently in good shape, but the removal would take place as discussed to prevent a failing parking lot and not serving a purpose.

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To approve the Demolition and Site Maintenance Agreement for the property at 3551 Hamlin, including Sidwell Numbers 14-25-201-006 and 14-24-476-004.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.09.131

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Knight shared that due to construction, the sidewalk is closed by the high school causing the children to walk in the street. He contacted the Superintendent and they are looking into it.

Ms. Verbeke shared that the Beautification Committee met recently and the homes that have been chosen will receive signs shortly.

Dr. Fletcher sought clarification on the Taylor and Giddings Roads round-about and the estimated end date. Mr. Baldante shared the estimated completion date is November 2026.

Mr. Ferguson requested a status on the Avant. Mr. Lang commented that the deadlines are still in place.

Mr. Marzolf asked for a status update for the Webster. Mr. Tanghe shared that the Primary parking lot has received some clean-up but there are still items there. The contractors are aware of that once other construction begins; they will need to adjust accordingly.

City Council shared their appreciation for the 9-11 Memorial Service that was held.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Tanghe shared details of the Sips and Sounds Event that is taking place. He shared other events coming up in the Fall as well.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Moniz, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.09.132

Motion Carried (6 - 0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Brian Marzolf, Mayor Pro-Tem

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

COMPLETION: Required.
PENALTY: Possible denial of application.
BSL-CG-1153(R6/09)

ATTACHMENT B

RESOLUTION TO RENEW THE UNIFORM VIDEO SERVICE LOCAL FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DIRECTV AND THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

WHEREAS DIRECTV, LLC has presented the City of Auburn Hills with an application and ten-year franchise renewal agreement which satisfies the legal and technical requirements of the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Act, pursuant to Section 3 of 2006 Public Act 480, MCL 484.3303 (“Act 480”) et. Seq; and

WHEREAS, the renewed agreement continues the video service provider fee of 5.0% and a PEG fee of 1.0% provided to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City’s powers are limited when there is legal and technical compliance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Auburn Hills Council hereby finds that the DIRECTV Franchise Agreement meets the legal and technical requirements of the Act, and solely for that reason, the Auburn Hills City Council hereby approves the Agreement with DIRECTV, in compliance with Section 3(3) of the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the approval of the DIRECTV Franchise Agreement does not waive the City’s rights to challenge any provisions of the Act and/or any related provisions of the Agreement, including the argument that such provisions are invalid and unenforceable as violations of law or an unconstitutional impairment of the City’s contractual rights. Furthermore, the City reserves any and all rights stemming from any successful challenge to such provisions that are undertaken by any other local franchising entity.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the City Clerk shall sign the DIRECTV Franchise Agreement, on behalf of the City of Auburn Hills, and a copy of the executed agreement shall be attached to the original Minutes, and the City Clerk shall forward the executed agreement, in addition to a certified copy of this Resolution, to DIRECTV at the address indicated in the Franchise Agreement.