CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 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 Kasak, City Clerk Pierce, Deputy Chief of Police McGraw, Fire Chief Robinson, Department of Public Works Director Baldante, Director of Community Development Cohen, Finance Director/Treasurer Schulz, Deputy Treasurer Jones, Assistant to the City Manager Hagge, Engineer Driesenga

13 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Workshop Minutes, October 5, 2026

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Moniz.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Workshop Minutes of October 5, 2026.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.10.148 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

4b. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, October 5, 2026

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Ferguson.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2026.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.10.149 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

4c. City Council Special Meeting Minutes, October 9, 2026

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Fletcher.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Special Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2026.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.10.150 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Avondale Youth Assistance Presentation by Michael Kazyak, Chairperson

Mr. Kazyak provided an update on the Avondale Youth Assistance. He also provided an update to the Blessings in a Backpack program.

5b. Insight Investment Portfolio Review, presented by Mary Donovan, CFA Senior Portfolio Manager for Insight Investment

Ms. Donovan from Insight Investments provided an update on the investment portfolio. She shared that there is an internal reorganization and the Insight name will be retired. In the future, they will be known as Bank of New York Investments (BNY Investments).

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Miacol Rivera introduced himself and explained that he is running for the Pontiac School Board.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a1. Planning Commission, October 7, 2026

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

7b. Motion - To receive the amended Master Land Use Plan adopted by the Planning Commission on October 7, 2026, and to place on file.

RESOLVED: To receive the amended Master Land Use Plan adopted by the Planning Commission on October 7, 2026, and to place on file.

7c. Motion – To adopt the resolution to approve authorized depositories.

RESOLVED: To adopt the resolution herein approving the list of authorized depositories for City funds. (Attachment A)

7d. Motion – To adopt the resolution to approve the list of authorized brokers/dealers.

RESOLVED: To adopt the resolution above approving the attached list of authorized broker/dealers used by the Investment Manager on behalf of the City. (Attachment B)

7e. Motion – To update the City's Investment Policy as reviewed.

RESOLVED: To update the City's Investment Policy as reviewed and approved as of October 19, 2026.

7f. Motion – To receive and file the City's financial update for the period ending September 30, 2026.

RESOLVED: To receive and file the City's financial update for the period ending September 30, 2026, as presented.

7g. Motion – To approve the purchase of Police Department office furniture and workstations.

RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of Haworth office furniture from ISCG Workplace Design + Furnishing in an amount not to exceed $40,958.68.

7h. Motion – To adopt the Exemption Resolution for Employee Contribution to Healthcare.

RESOLVED: To adopt the attached resolution titled: Resolution to Adopt the Annual Exemption Option as Set Forth in 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. (Attachment C)

7i. Motion – To adopt the Resolution to Reduce Employee Contribution Cost Share for Medical and Prescription Drug Plan Coverage for Calendar Year 2027.

RESOLVED: To adopt the attached resolution titled: Resolution to Reduce Employee Contribution Cost Share for Medical and Prescription Drug Plan Coverage for Calendar Year 2027. (Attachment D)

Moved by Verbeke, Seconded by Marzolf.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.10.151 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Public Hearing/Motion - To adopt the 2027 Budget and 2026 Millage Rates.

Ms. Schulz presented the 2027 Budget and 2026 Millage Rates as set by the City Charter. She reviewed key items in the budget and provided clarification for City Council. Mr. Moniz pointed out that city is keeping costs down for the residents with the water and sewer rates, which he feels is best for the community. The millage rates for a community this size are at the lower end of millage rates. It was pointed out that the city operates well at the current millage rate but not everything is getting covered. The city does dig into reserves, but it is financially healthy.

Mayor Hawkins opened the Public Hearing at 8:06 PM.
The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 8:07 PM.

Mr. Knight thanked the residents for passing the Fire Millage in August as it helps to maintain services.

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Moniz.

RESOLVED: To accept and adopt the proposed 2027 budget for the City and to approve the proposed millage rates for the City and Library for the 2026 tax year.

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

Resolution No. 26.10.152 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

9b. Motion – To approve the Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit / Kemp and Sherman Industrial Building.

Mr. Cohen presented the proposed speculative development at the northeast corner of Rex Boulevard and Auburn Road. The site is zoned I-1. Due to the location of the proposed project, it was noted that outside storage is prohibited on the property. This will maintain the appearance of the property and prevent outdoor activity next to the neighborhood.

Mr. Kemp of Kemp Industrial Buildings was present.

It was discussed that the plan will allow entrance to the site from Auburn Road rather than Rex Boulevard. This was decided due to the placement of the building. The design makes the building further from the neighbors. The design also is beneficial for Fire Department access if necessary.

Mr. Marzolf raised concern about the landmark trees that will be removed and if there is a way to save them. Mr. Cohen shared that some landmark trees were saved and several will be removed. The ones that they could not save were in the detention pond location, however, they did save other landmark trees on the property.

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the Site Plan and Tree Removal Permit for the Kemp and Sherman Industrial Building, including the discretionary findings of fact and approval conditions provided by Mr. Steven Cohen, subject to any additional conditions recommended by the City's Administrative Review Team.

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

No: None

Resolution No. 26.10.153 **Motion Carried (7 - 0)**

Mayor Hawkins thanked Mr. Sherman for his many contributions to Auburn Hills. The Mayor commented that at 98 years old, Mr. Sherman continues to show drive, vision and commitment that has helped the city for decades. He has developed dozens of industrial buildings in Auburn Hills, and his work has attracted businesses, created jobs and has helped to build our reputation as a leading center for manufacturing and technology.

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Knight thanked the staff for the hard work on the budget. He shared that the Community Center has many programs available and encouraged people to utilize the services there.

Mr. Moniz commented on the loss of a long-time resident who was a Captain at Station One with the Fire Department. He also sought clarification regarding the southbound lane of Joslyn Road being closed. He mentioned that the lane continues to be closed even when there is no work being performed. Engineer Driesenga explained that the lane is closed to help with preparation for pouring the north approach from Joslyn Road. He also commented that he was not in favor of this project and commented that for safety purposes, a deceleration lane should have been added.

Mr. Ferguson shared his appreciation for Mr. Kazyak and the work that is being done with the Avondale Youth Assistance Program.

Mr. Marzolf shared that he looks forward to utilizing the new portion of the Riverwalk.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Tanghe congratulated FANUC America for their creation of the largest robotics footprint in the Nation. He mentioned that the opening of the new training center makes FANUC the largest corporate robotics and industrial automation training center in the United States.

13. CITY CLERK REPORT

Ms. Pierce provided a report on the upcoming election taking place on November 3, 2026.

14. CLOSED SESSION

14a. Motion – To meet in closed session to discuss property acquisition pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(d) of the Open Meetings Act.

Moved by Ferguson, Seconded by Verbeke.

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

The meeting recessed to Closed Session at 8:43 PM.

The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 9:36 PM.

Council Member Verbeke left the Closed Session at 9:25 PM.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Fletcher, Seconded by Ferguson.
RESOLVED: To adjourn the meeting.
VOTE: Yes: Ferguson, Fletcher, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, Moniz
No: None
Resolution No. 26.10.155 **Motion Carried (6 - 0)**

The meeting adjourned at 9:39 PM.

Eugene Hawkins III, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

RESOLUTION:
WHEREAS, Section 4.23 of the Auburn Hills Charter states that "The City Council shall select annually one or more depositories in which funds of the City shall be deposited" and

WHEREAS, Section 7.0 of the City of Auburn Hills Investment Policy states that "The City Treasurer/Finance Director shall maintain a listing of financial institutions and brokers/ dealers authorized to provide investment services," approved annually by City Council for investment and depository purposes, and

WHEREAS, the currently approved list of legal depositories is now expired and will be replaced by this list,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Auburn Hills City Council approve the following financial institutions as legal depositories for all public monies effective to December 31st, 2027.

JP Morgan Chase Bank NA	CIBC Bank USA	Cornerstone Community Financial CU
Credit Union ONE	Bank of America, N.A	Genisys CU
Mercantile Bank	In Touch Credit Union	Michigan Schools and Government CU
PNC Bank, National Association	Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	Alliance Catholic Credit Union
PARDA Federal Credit Union	In Touch Credit Union	

Below a score of 40 but above 30:

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Fifth Third Bank (formerly Comerica)
Huntington National Bank

ATTACHMENT B

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Section 7.0 of the City of Auburn Hills Investment Policy states that "The City Treasurer/Finance Director shall maintain a listing of financial institutions and broker/dealers authorized to provide investment services," approved annually by City Council for investment and depository purposes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Auburn Hills City Council approve the attached brokers/dealers as legal pass-through agents for all public monies effective to December 31, 2027.

Insight Investment
Broker Dealer List
City of Auburn Hills
September 30, 2026

Primary dealers or affiliated firms	Non-primary dealer firms
Barclays Capital	ANZ Securities
BMO Capital Markets	FHN Financial Securities
BNP Paribas Securities	Insperex
BofA Securities	Keybanc Capital Markets
Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.	MUFG Securities Americas
Citigroup Global Markets	Oppenheimer & Co.
Daiwa Capital Markets America	PNC Capital Markets LLC
Deutsche Bank Securities	Raymond James & Associates
Goldman Sachs & Co.	Robert W. Baird & Co.
HSBC Securities (USA)	Samuel A. Ramirez & Co.
Jefferies	Scotia Capital (USA)
JP Morgan Securities	StoneX Financial
Mizuho Securities USA	Truist Securities
Morgan Stanley & Co.	US Bancorp Investments
NatWest Markets Securities	
Nomura Securities International	
RBC Capital Markets	
Santander US Capital Markets	
SG Americas Securities	
SMBC Nikko Securities America	
TD Securities (USA)	
UBS Securities	
Wells Fargo Securities	

The approved list of broker/dealers includes affiliates of designated firms and is subject to change without notice.

Insight Investment, 200 Park Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10166

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ATTACHMENT C

Resolution No.

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL EXEMPTION OPTION AS SET FORTH IN 2011 PUBLIC ACT 152, THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT

WHEREAS, Public Act 152 of 2011 was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the three options for consideration are as follows:

1) Apply the hard cap (capped dollar amount a local government employer may pay toward an employee's healthcare costs),
2) Adopt by majority vote the 80/20% cost-sharing model,
3) Adopt by a two-thirds vote to opt out of the cost-sharing model as set forth in Public Act 152 of 2011 and revisit it prior to the next plan year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn Hills has elected the Exemption provision of the Act for the 2027 calendar year as its choice for compliance with the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Auburn Hills City Council elects to comply with the requirements of the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act by adopting the annual Exemption option for the medical plan coverage year for the period January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ABSTENTIONS:

Resolution No. _____
Enacted ____

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned and duly appointed City Clerk for 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 19th day of October, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 19th day of October, 2026.

Laura Pierce, City Clerk

ATTACHMENT D

Resolution No._____

CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
RESOLUTION TO REDUCE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION COST SHARE FOR MEDICAL AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN COVERAGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2027

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn Hills has elected the Exemption Provision of Public Act 152 of 2011, titled, "The Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act", for the 2027 calendar year as its choice for compliance with the Act; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn Hills has received a Memorandum of Understanding signed by authorized representatives of city employees represented by Chapter D of AFSCME Local 2720, Police Officers Labor Council representing Patrol, Detectives, and Command Officers, Firefighters represented by IAFF Local 4404, and Non-Union employees; all agreeing to their cost sharing for city provided medical and prescription drug coverage to be 10% during calendar year 2027, as more fully stated therein.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Auburn Hills City Council hereby authorizes the City to pay 90% cost sharing of the cost of its covered employees' medical and prescription drug coverage in calendar year 2027 with the employees' cost sharing to be 10% for those employees in Chapter D of AFSCME Local 2720, Police Officers Labor Council representing Patrol, Detectives and Command Officers, Firefighters represented by IAFF Local 4404, and Non-Union Employees; to the extent required by said action.

AYES:
NAYS:
ABSENT:
ABSTENTIONS:

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Enacted ____

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