



CITY OF AUBURN HILLS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

JANUARY 23, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor McDaniel at 7:00 PM.

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

Present: Mayor McDaniel, Council Members Carrier, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, Verbeke

Absent: Council Member Cionka

Also Present: City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Skopek, City Attorney Ballantyne, City Clerk Pierce, Police Chief Gagnon, Fire Chief Massingill, DPW Director Baldante, Mgr. of Public Utilities Deman, Economic Development Mgr. Carroll, Management Assistant Hagge, Engineers Juidici & Driesenga

6 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2023.

Moved by Carrier, Seconded by Hawkins.

RESOLVED: To approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2023.

VOTE: Yes: Carrier, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 23.01.007

Motion Carried (6- 0)

5. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Motion – To confirm the appointments of Steve Baldante, Jay Boelter, Ron Moniz, Brandon Skopek, and Tom Tanghe to the Auburn Hills Building Authority.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To confirm the appointment of Steve Baldante, Jay Boelter, Ron Moniz, Brandon Skopek, and Tom Tanghe to the Auburn Hills Building Authority to serve three-year terms ending January 23, 2026.

VOTE: Yes: Carrier, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 23.01.008

Motion Carried (6- 0)

5b. Motion – To confirm the reappointment of Chris Slocum to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Moved by Knight, Seconded by Carrier.

RESOLVED: To confirm the reappointment of Chris Slocum to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term ending December 31, 2025.

VOTE: Yes: Carrier, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 23.01.009

Motion Carried (6- 0)

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Florence Etefia of 3035 Debra Court., Auburn Hills, MI thanked City Council for the assistance of the drain issue on Debra Court.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – To allow the Director of the DPW to execute the memorandum of understanding to opt-in to the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program.

Mr. Baldante presented the memorandum of understanding to opt-in to the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) offered through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and administered by Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA). He explained that this program is designed to assist those that are in a disconnect status, with a one-time payment to residents of up to \$1,500 for households that qualify. The funds will be paid by the Office of Community Services Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program within 30 days after approval. The residents who qualify will be notified by OLSHA. The next utility bill will also contain a flier explaining the program.

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Marzolf.

RESOLVED: To allow the Director of the Department of Public Works to execute the memorandum of understanding to opt-in to the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program offered by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and administered by Oakland County Livingston Human Service Agency.

VOTE: Yes: Carrier, Hawkins, Knight, Marzolf, McDaniel, Verbeke

No: None

Resolution No. 23.01.010

Motion Carried (6- 0)

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Mr. Marzolf – He thanked those that helped to make the MLK Day a great event.

Mr. Knight – He asked for an update on the installation of new blinking lights at various locations around the City. Mr. Baldante shared that this is still being evaluated to provide the options for extra safety.

Mayor McDaniel – He shared that the State of the Community event was coming up and that there are many exciting things to share. He also welcomed City Attorney, Alana Ballantyne.

11. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

12. CITY MANAGER REPORT

13. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:14 PM.

Kevin R. McDaniel, Mayor

Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk