



# The City of Auburn Hills

## City Council Meeting

### Minutes

December 1, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor McDaniel at 7:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** City Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

**Present:** Mayor McDaniel, Mayor Pro Tem Kittle, Council Members Burmeister, Hammond, Knight, Mitchell, Verbeke

**Absent:** None

**Also Present:** City Manager Tanghe, Assistant City Manager Grice, Director of Emergency Services / Chief of Police Olko, Deputy Director Manning, City Clerk Kowal, Senior Director Adcock, Finance Director Barnes, Deputy Finance Director Schulz, Manager of Business Development Carroll, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Engineer Stevens

49 Guests

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. Regular Council Meeting – November 17, 2014

**Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Verbeke.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the November 17, 2014 regular meeting minutes.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

**Resolution No. 14.12.228**

4b. City Council Workshop – November 10, 2014

**Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Burmeister.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the November 10, 2014 City Council Workshop minutes.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

**Resolution No. 14.12.229**

4c. City Council Special Meeting – November 24, 2014

**Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Hammond.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the November 24, 2014 Special City Council meeting minutes.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

**Resolution No. 14.12.230**

#### 4. APPOINTMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5a. Oath of Office for Sergeant Brandon Hollenbeck

Director Olko noted Sgt. Hollenbeck will be filling one of the two vacancies left open when two sergeants recently retired. Sgt. Hollenbeck began working at the City on May 30, 2002 and has been a member of the Operations Division, the Retail Unit, the Investigations Division as the Court Liaison Officer, and Directed Patrol Unit in Operations. She noted his many special assignments and a number of instructor certifications. Sgt. Hollenbeck has received many commendations and several letters of recognition.

Ms. Kowal administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Brandon Hollenbeck.

Mayor McDaniel expressed thanks to Sgt. Hollenbeck on his willingness to serve the City of Auburn Hills and its residents, on behalf of himself and City Council.

5b. Presentation – Hawk Woods Cabin Presentation

Mayor McDaniel explained several years ago the City purchased Hawk Woods Nature Center, with a lodge and six cabins. A number of years ago, with the help of Home Depot, the first of the log cabins was replaced with a newly constructed cabin. Each year over six years, the City has replaced a cabin. The cabins have been constructed with staff, volunteers, and vocational education classes. Two standout individuals, a vocational school volunteer, Eric Kazor, a gifted carpenter was noticed for his skill and work ethic has since become a full time City employee; second, Wayne Landry, a seasonal City employee, inspired and lent his talent year after year. This past year resulted in the last and largest of the cabins to be constructed; the cabins can now accommodate up to 40 people.

Mayor McDaniel noted Wayne Landry passed away suddenly this past summer. He asked the other volunteers to come to the podium: Jason Beckman, Al Farrell, Eric Kazor, Greg Landry, Greg Marks, Jack Skinner, and Joe Smith.

A video of the cabin construction was played. City Council congratulated and thanked each of the team members.

Mayor McDaniel presented a plaque to Greg Landry, honoring his father Wayne, on behalf of the Auburn Hills residents, in appreciation for all his father's help in the construction of the cabins at Hawk Woods and his service to Auburn Hills.

## 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Don Hughes**, 3744 Bald Mountain Road, presented to Council additional signatures to save the Black Walnut tree. He noted the signatures were gathered prior to the City Council special meeting held November 24<sup>th</sup>. He asked what the process is of making this tree as an official landmark.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

7a. Motion – Rodwan Consulting Valuation Analysis for Deputy Director/Police Hardesty

**RESOLVED: To accept the Rodwan Consulting valuation analysis showing the financial impact of granting Mr. Hardesty an exception to the age requirement to qualify for a normal retirement effective December 31, 2014.**

7b. Motion – Approve the Amended Inter-Local Agreement for the Troy Special Investigations Unit

**RESOLVED: To approve the amended inter-local agreement for the Troy Special Investigations Unit adding the Birmingham Police Department and authorizing the Chief of Police to sign said agreement.**

7c. Motion – Approve the Amended-South Oakland County Crash Investigation Team Inter-Local Agreement

**RESOLVED: To approve the amended South Oakland County Crash Investigations Team (SOCCIT) inter-local agreement adding the Bloomfield Hills Department of Public Safety and authorize the Chief of Police to sign said agreement.**

7d. Motion – Adopt Resolution Designating the Position of Fire Chief as the Liaison to the Oakland County Emergency Management Coordinator

**RESOLVED: To adopt the resolution, appointing the position of Fire Chief as the City of Auburn Hills' liaison to the Oakland County Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator effective January 1, 2015.**

**Moved by Knight; Seconded by Verbeke.**

**RESOLVED: To approve items 7a. 7b. 7c., and 7d. on the Consent Agenda.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

### **Resolution No. 14.12.231**

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

8a. Motion – Set a Public Hearing for December 15<sup>th</sup> for the Amended Brownfield Plan for 3250 Auburn Road (Burton-Katzman, LLC Project)

Ms. Carroll explained this project has been in the works for approximately one year, with a number of issues that have since been resolved. The amendment to the original plan includes the soil remediation, and she is requesting City Council set a public hearing for December 15, 2014.

**Moved by Mitchell; Seconded by Hammond.**

**RESOLVED: To set the Public Hearing Date for the Amended Brownfield Plan for 3250 Auburn Road-Edge Lofts for December 15, 2014**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

### **Resolution No. 14.12.232**

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Public Hearing/Motion – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for 2015

Ms. Adcock explained the CDBG program is administered through the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program. CDBG funds housing, public facility, public service, and community development activities that benefit low-income households and persons with special needs. This affords Auburn Hills' residents opportunities that they may not otherwise be able to afford, such as youth services, yard services, or minor home repair. Each year the allocation of funds has steadily decreased, with last year's amount just over \$57,000. Only 30% of the money can be used for public service; public service is anything that benefits an individual or the community. Past projects have included domestic violence – Haven; Youth Assistance – Pontiac & Avondale; Yard Services – lawn mowing and snow services. There is also the opportunity to fund other projects, but those projects would have to be bid out in July, unless they are a sole source provider. A sole source provider would be Haven, the only recognized agency for domestic violence and sexual abuse in the area.

Last year was a banner year for snow plowing, 17 times; in 2011 there were only four snow plows needed. Last year there were 325 lawn mows, with the average user being female, 80 years old and living alone. The Minor Home Repair program is very beneficial, repairs have included roofs on mobile homes, screen repairs, replacing tub units and replacing water heaters.

Ms. Verbeke recalled from last year's presentation and allocation of funds, that the Avondale School would receive funds last year, and this year it will be Pontiac Schools, keeping them in rotation and asked if that is still the plan.

Ms. Adcock explained last year was the first time that only one youth assistance program was allowed to be funded. The contract is for two years, so Avondale Schools have two years to spend their \$5,000 allocation. The two year contract is part of the program.

**Mary Stewart** on behalf of Pontiac Youth Assistance, thanked the City for their continued support and apologized for not having an annual report available. There was a leak in the building so she and the office have been displaced and she wasn't able to compile the information for a report. She also extended a special thanks to Chief Olko for the continued support with the Target activity.

**Mike Kazyak**, Avondale Youth Assistance, thanked the City for the funds and distributed financial information of how the money has been spent and how much remains. He also thanked Mr. Tanghe for the funds received from the Auburn Hills Foundation which helped fund KAMP (Kids Academic Mentoring Program).

**Beth Morrison**, CEO of Haven, thanked City Council for the continued support through the CDBG program over the years. During the 2013/2014 CDBG year, 96 Auburn Hills' residents received services from Haven and 13 identified themselves as Auburn Hills' residents who used the crisis and support line. Over 60% of the Auburn Hills individuals that received a service from Haven were in the advocacy program. The advocacy program reaches out into the community and attends court hearings with the victims to help navigate them through the process and system. An advocate also went to the Auburn Hills Police Department to meet with a victim and worked with the police.

Haven and Auburn Hills Police Department have a very good working relationship and she wanted to recognize the work the Police Department does with Haven. Many of the Auburn Hills referrals come from the Police Department.

Ms. Mitchell asked if she has contributed time or money to these organizations, is that a conflict of interest for her to vote on the motions.

Ms. Adcock stated no.

Responding to Ms. Mitchell, Ms. Adcock confirmed there was a workshop held earlier, by the City, to help with this application process. The workshop is only for the administrators of the program to receive the grant application; it is not for applicants.

Ms. Mitchell acknowledged all the organizations that have been supported by the CDBG program are worthy organizations, but she is surprised by the limited number of interest received for the grants. She knows there was a public notice published November 21<sup>st</sup> and also a mention on the website; however, she doesn't believe there was sufficient time for the notice to be seen by other organizations, though the advertising did meet the guidelines. She doesn't believe all the agencies that provide services in the City are aware of the funding available, and the City should try to make all those agencies aware of the available funding.

Ms. Adcock stated she will investigate how the advertising can be improved for next year.

Ms. Verbeke asked Ms. Stewart if she could give some rough numbers of how many children participated in the youth assistance program.

Ms. Stewart explained during the summer, there were approximately eight children sent to camp and during the school year the program paid for 'Pay to Play', cheerleading, and basketball, eight to 10 children. During the year, fliers have been sent home with students to let the parents know funds are available. It has been hard to get other families involved, it is generally the same families that have used services in the past.

Ms. Verbeke asked if there are any plans or ideas on how to communicate to the families of the funding available.

Ms. Stewart explained the school counselors and principals have been notified of the funding available to students; many families have been taking advantage of the YMCA because it is so close.

Ms. Stewart believes the \$5,000 for two years is sufficient, providing there isn't much change in the number of students participating. Currently, there is approximately \$300 left until July, Chrysler has donated funds which are also being used.

Responding to Ms. Verbeke, Ms. Adcock explained if the \$5,000 isn't used during the two year contract period, a contract amendment can be made extending the date for six months to a year, or the money can be reprogrammed to another service.

Ms. Stewart agrees with Mr. Knight, the funds may run out before the CDBG funds kick in, but she has talked with the School Board and money from the general fund will be available, so no child will be denied.

Mr. Knight suggested the City financially support the Pontiac Youth Assistance, noting the funding won't come through until July. The same CDBG guidelines must be met for the City to assist. This will be helping the Auburn Hills kids, within the Pontiac school district.

Mayor McDaniel opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. and hearing no comment, closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

Ms. Mitchell asked for confirmation that individual agencies are not being approved this evening, just the types of services or needs that will receive funding.

Ms. Adcock explained that is correct, only categories can be funded, unless there has been prior approval by the County. The only two approved by the County is the youth assistance programs and Haven; Haven is the only recognized shelter in Oakland County. The other services, snow and lawn, are bid out every season, but are in the Yard category. Minor Home Repair is not a public service, it is separate category unto itself.

MOTION #1:

**Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Kittle.**

**RESOLVED: To accept the Conflict of Interest Resolution as part of the CDBG application and to authorize the City Mayor to sign the application and submit documents to Oakland County.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

**Resolution No. 14.12.233**

MOTION #2:

**Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Burmeister.**

**RESOLVED: To accept the Program Year 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Sub-recipient Agreement between the County of Oakland and the City of Auburn Hills as part of the CDBG application and to authorize the City Mayor to sign the application and submit documents to Oakland County.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

**Resolution No. 14.12.234**

MOTION #3:

**Moved by Burmeister; Seconded by Hammond.**

**RESOLVED: To accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application budget line item Minor Home Repair in the amount of \$40,208 as part of the approximate amount of \$57,440 and authorize the City Mayor to sign the application and submit the documents to Oakland County.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

**Resolution No. 14.12.235**

MOTION #4:

**Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Knight.**

**RESOLVED: To accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application budget line item Yard in the amount of \$9,232 as part of the approximate amount of \$57,440 and authorize the City Mayor to sign the application and submit the documents to Oakland County.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

**Resolution No. 14.12.236**

MOTION #5:

**Moved by Knight; Seconded by Hammond.**

**RESOLVED: To accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application budget line item Pontiac Youth Assistance in the amount of \$5,000 as part of the approximate amount of \$57,440 and authorize the City Mayor to sign the application and submit the documents to Oakland County.**

Ms. Mitchell stated she'll support this motion because of a Council conversation in 2013 stating the City will alternate support for the Youth Assistance. She believes there are other entities that provide services for the youth, and requests in the future those entities be included in this process.

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

**Resolution No. 14.12.237**

MOTION #6:

**Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Burmeister.**

**RESOLVED: To accept the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application budget line item Haven in the amount of \$3,000 as part of the approximate amount of \$57,440 and authorize the City Mayor to sign the application and submit the documents to Oakland County.**

Ms. Mitchell agrees this is a worthy organization and has been supported by the City in the past, she understands they have helped Auburn Hills' residents and are a single provider, but she isn't in support of giving grant money to this organization again in 2014.

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Verbeke  
No: Mitchell**

**Motion Carried (6-1)**

**Resolution No. 14.12.238**

9b. Motion – Approve the Renewal of Property and Liability Coverages Policies

Ms. Schulz explained the City solicited, with the help of City's Independent Agent Jim Huttenlocher, optional bids for the annual insurance program. After a review of comparison bids and programs received from three other providers, as well as the City's current provider, Michigan Township Participating Plan (MTPP), MTPP's quoted premium was the lowest of the respondents and provided the most comprehensive coverage to the City.

It is recommended for the City to renew the current program with MTPP. It is a strong and comprehensive program, as well as competitive in price.

**Jim Huttenlocher** of the Huttenlocher Group, notes as Ms. Schulz indicated a comprehensive insurance review was conducted and well as a solicitation of bids. He wants to thank not only the Finance Department, but all the other departments that provided information. Everyone was very helpful during the process.

Mr. Huttenlocher noted four bids were received, the current company, MTPP as well as three others. MTPP had the most competitive and attractive bid. There was an analysis and comparison of the various coverage forms, the limits, deductibles, and the ancillary services provided (appraisals, claims, loss control). MTPP was superior in all areas, including the premium. The coverage will remain the same, with a price cap for the next three years. The City will save 13.8% (\$44,846) with MTPP in 2015, adding to the 7.5% savings from 2013 to 2014.

Mr. Huttenlocher stated he was at the Community Center the Monday after the report of the water damage and he will continue to monitor the situation, making sure the claim is properly adjusted and get the Community Center opened as soon as possible.

Mr. Knight noted Alteris was the next closest bidder, just behind MTPP, and asked what the difference is between the two.

Mr. Huttenlocher explained there was a difference between the limits and the deductibles. The biggest difference is the deductibles on the property policy; the Alteris quote had a \$50,000 deductible and the City currently carries a \$1,000 deductible. Using the Community Center as an example, the City would be out \$49,000.

Mr. Kittle asked what contributes to the significant premium savings.

Mr. Huttenlocher explained the City performs very well, the insurance policy premium is based on claim history, and the City hasn't had many claims. This is also a good insurance market for buyers, a soft market, so the premiums have been decreasing dramatically over the last six years.

**Moved by Knight; Seconded by Mitchell.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the policy renewal for Liability and Property insurance coverages with Michigan Township Participating Plan in accordance with the specifications contained in the Coverage Summary in the amount of \$279,271 and authorize Jim Huttenlocher to convey acceptance on behalf of the City and for the City Manager to sign the necessary documents related to binding coverage.**

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke  
No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

**Resolution No. 14.12.239**

9c. Motion – Approve the Logicalis I.T. Support Agreement

Mr. Tanghe explained this is a renewal request for Logicalis I.T. Support, which expires December 31, 2014. This too has a decrease in cost, 4% from the existing agreement. The City has had this contract with Logicalis since July 2011, though the relationship with the I.T. staff extends further back, as each company has been bought and sold.

Knowing this contract expires at the end of the year, the search process began earlier this year and an extension of this contract will be beneficial to the City in keeping the current support staff and cost.

The Statement of Work and the Agreement for Professional Services have been thoroughly reviewed by the City Attorney and have been updated to meet the needs of both the City and the Vendor.

**Patrick Rotary**, Logicalis, has been the account manager for the City for the past 13 years. Though the companies have changed, the same people continue to support the City. Customer service is one of the things for which they strive, and he believes that has always been consistent. Rates have consistently decreased over the years using the managed team philosophy that allows team members to step into each roll. The full managed service contract for the City manages from support level agreements to the day-to-day operations. Logicalis also goes above and beyond what the contract contains; when extra services are needed, the services are provided without additional charges. He thanked Council for their support in the past and asked to continue providing technology support to the City.

Mr. Kittle noted the Logicalis team is great. He asked what the competitive environment is, noting Auburn Hills and six other communities have on-staff I.T. people, but many, many other communities outsource. He would like to know from other perspectives what is available. He also likes technology planning, such as a five year perspective – a road map. He believes with 26 servers, the direction taken should be towards the Cloud, in the next five to ten years. He will vote

against this on a principal standpoint, that the City owes to itself for this and all other multi-year contracts that competitive intelligence be done and learn more of what is available.

Mr. Rotary explained he is in the competitive market daily, and yes, the contract can be altered to have less; lesser paid individuals, lesser skillset, or different models. Logicalis is one of the biggest suppliers of managed services and Cloud services in the Midwest. There are other models that can be looked at, but it doesn't involve three people on site. At the current time, this model, three people on site was determined to be the best for the City. Logicalis does have other managed service contracts with remote support. He noted that remotely managing the City hasn't been investigated. Currently Logicalis has both public and private sectors in both type of systems.

Mayor McDaniel recalled the competitive analysis project Ms. Mariuz was working on regarding this contract. Had this gone to bid, the cost would have been more. A new contract from Logicalis would have cost more than a renewal.

Mr. Tanghe stated a spread sheet of I.T. comparison is included in Council's packet of information. He noted communities used for this comparable data are used for many different comparables, such as contract negotiations. He was also directed to include Rochester Hills as a comparable, because they are the neighboring community.

Continuing, Mr. Tanghe explained having City I.T. employees would include costs associated with health care, pensions, and other costs. Having a contractor, everything is up and running and no surprises at the end; there are no long term financial obligations.

Mr. Tanghe acknowledged, by going out for bid there may be more favorable fees, however, those fee results may not include optimal or even adequate services; the level of service from Logicalis has always been favorable. It is true, that when asked, the company has never said no and always been more than accommodating.

Mr. Knight is very pleased with the I.T. job being done and isn't in favor of making any changes. The cost differential would have to be substantial for him to even consider a change; he is very pleased. He appreciates Mr. Kittle's financial concerns, but he supports this three year contract.

Mr. Kittle stated he is interested in checking out new technology and seeing if there is anything new out there that should be investigated; not that he is against Logicalis.

Mayor McDaniel agrees, Logicalis goes over and beyond what the contract specifies. Being an information technology grad, he understands what a great job Messrs. Leix and Cagle have done for the City. The confidence the City Manager has in the I.T. team means a lot, knowing issues will be taken care of when needed. Mr. Cagle has the 'yes I can' attitude; it may be an item not included in the contract, but Mr. Cagle will find a way to get it done.

Mayor McDaniel noted, during the flooding at the Community Center, Mr. Cagle was very quick to respond, which resulted in only losing one computer to the flooding. It speaks to Mr. Cagle's willingness to help in any way possible, including his day off. Mr. Cagle and Logicalis represent Auburn Hills very well.

Ms. Hammond agrees, Mr. Cagle goes above and beyond, and she can always count on him, no matter what day or time; Logicalis has top notch people.

Mr. Burmeister noted he works with another community who has an off-site I.T. company and service level is horrible, it can take a week before an issue is fixed. He appreciates having the Team on site.

**Moved by Knight; Seconded by Hammond.**

**RESOLVED: To approve the agreement between Logicalis, Inc. and the City of Auburn Hills for I.T. support services from the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019, at the monthly rate of \$24,000; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Agreement for Professional Services and the City Manager to execute the Statement of Work.**

Mr. Kittle asked for a line on the analysis, prior to the next renewal, a total cost for I.T., not just individual categories.

**VOTE: Yes: Burmeister, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Mitchell, Verbeke**

**No: None**

**Motion Carried (7-0)**

**Resolution No. 14.12.240**

**10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL**

Ms. Verbeke:

- Reminded everyone of the Christmas tree lighting ceremony, with Santa Claus, Friday, December 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- Asked when the compost pickup ends, which week in November.

Mr. Grice will check with Waste Management and let her know.

Mr. Burmeister:

- Asked the status of the Community Center.

Mr. Tanghe stated he has included the status in the City Manager's report.

Ms. Mitchell:

- Had the opportunity to hear Director Olko speak at a Chamber meeting on leadership, telling her story, and she represented the City very well.
- Recognized the Planning Commission and the four hour meeting held discussing the Master Plan and the enthusiasm involved. She appreciates the level of dedication the Planning Commissioners have.
- Noted Senior Director Adcock has been helping other communities with the Age Friendly concept and information.
- Commended staff on the response to the water damage at the Community Center and appreciates everyone who stepped up and took action.
- Thanked everyone who attended the special meeting held by Council last week.

Ms. Hammond:

- Suggested posting a plaque on the last cabin built at Hawk Woods in honor and memory of Wayne Landry. Mayor McDaniel agreed that is a great idea, and asked if staff could design a plaque and bring to Council for review.

Mr. Knight:

- Noted the south lane of Featherstone turned out pretty well, and he is sure the businesses appreciate the road being open.
- The left turn lane downtown appears to be working very well and people are getting use to the lanes.
- He hopes Council will discuss the burning ordinance in February.
- Read Ms. Doyle's comments in the newspaper, and was curious how much information the City must/or should supply to individual residents. He would like to have some discussion at a later date.
- Asked for information regarding who is taking over Elwell's and how the remodeling is coming along. Mr. Tanghe knows work is being done on the interior, the liquor license has been transferred, but he hasn't heard when the restaurant may be open. Mr. Knight noted some of Cadillac LaSalle Club members have been trying to contact the restaurant and there hasn't been any answer.

Mr. Kittle:

- Always appreciates the opportunity to express questions and opinions and is pleased people don't get upset with him.
- Noted the roof of the building on the soccer fields on Dutton Road isn't finished, with exposed wood and asked if the Club should be contacted to complete the roof.
- Asked how the Auburn Hills hookah lounges are doing, in light of the press for others in the area. Ms. Hammond stated she stopped in the Grizzly Hookah Lounge the other day and the owners are thankful for the extended hours and business is coming back. Her son and his friends, all home from college for the holiday, visited the new downtown lounges and all of them had their I.D. checked. Her son reported it was very quiet.

Mayor McDaniel:

- Mentioned the tree lighting ceremony will include a holiday magic show, downtown storefront decorating winner announced, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, with the three elementary school children who won the essay writing contest.

## 11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – none

## 12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- He will follow up on both the opening of the old Elwell's restaurant as well as the soccer field building.
- It is impossible to name and thank everyone that showed up to help at the Community Center, Sunday, November 23, 2014 in response to the water damage. Businesses and residents called, offering assistance or space. He thanked the Mayor for coming to the Community Center, to recognize all the employees that came to the rescue that day.
- Thanked the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) for underwriting the tree lighting event downtown, which has grown substantially over the years because of the TIFA help. There is more detailed information on the main page of the City's website, [www.auburnhills.org](http://www.auburnhills.org).
- The 2015 calendars are now available, well before the first of the year, and are in the process of being mailed to residents.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.