



The City of Auburn Hills

City Council Meeting

Minutes

December 17, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: by Mayor McDonald at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chamber, 1827 N. Squirrel Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Present: Mayor McDonald, Mayor Pro Tem Hammond, Council Members Doyle, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, Verbeke.
Also Present: Assistant City Manager Tanghe, Director Olko, City Clerk Kowal, Treasurer Buschmohle, DPS Deputy Director Grice, Community Development Director Cohen, Deputy Treasurer Keiser, Deputy Director Manning, Fire Chief Burmeister, Community Relations Coordinator Carroll, Library Director McCoy, City Attorney Beckerleg, City Engineer Juidici.
24 Guests

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4a. City Council Workshop – December 3, 2012

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the Workshop minutes of December 3, 2012.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.204

4b. City Council Meeting – December 3, 2012

Moved by Doyle; Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To approve the Regular minutes of December 3, 2012.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.205

4c. Executive Session Council Meeting – November 19, 2012

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the Executive Session minutes of November 19, 2012.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.206

5. APPOINTMENTS and PRESENTATIONS

5a. Presentation – Fire Department – Oath of Office and Badge Presentation for Jeremy Andridge and Nathaniel Herr.

Deputy Director Manning recognized the achievements of two fire personnel who have completed the extensive and challenging probationary period. New fire personnel are required to complete State certification, Firefighter level one and two, which consists of over 240 hours of training. New fire personnel are also required to earn the national level licensing of an emergency medical technician, which is another 250 hours of training. The new recruits are paired with an experienced fire personnel who serves as their field training officer, meeting frequently to learn department policies and to practice newly learned skills.

Deputy Director Manning presented the badges and Ms. Kowal swore in both firefighters.

5b. Appointment – Raj Gupta to the Tax Increment Finance Authority for a term ending February 28, 2015.

Mayor McDonald welcomed Mr. Gupta.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by McDaniel.

RESOLVED: To confirm the Appointment of Raj Gupta to the Tax Increment Finance Authority for a term ending February 28, 2015.

Ms. Doyle thanked Mr. Gupta for serving and asked what prompted him to apply.

Mr. Gupta stated he is now retired and is looking for something useful to do with his time and to stay busy and this board fit his interests.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.207

5c. Appointment – Carolyn Schaerer to the Planning Commission for a term ending July 31, 2013.

Mayor McDonald noted Ms Schaerer is replacing a Planning Commissioner who recently resigned.

Ms. Doyle asked Ms. Schaerer why she chose this Board.

Ms. Schaerer replied her roots run very deep in Auburn Hills, her grandparents lived here in the early 1900's; noting what has been done with this community is tremendous. She would like to see the community continue to grow and she would like to be a part of that.

Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To confirm appointment of Carolyn Schaerer to the Planning Commission for a term ending July 31, 2013.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.208

5d. Appointment – Michelle Hawley to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term ending December 31, 2015.

Ms. Doyle asked about the appointment and why she volunteered.

Ms. Hawley explained she has raised her family in the community and would now like to have an active role in moving the City forward. She is also concerned about the environment and would like to see areas that need cleaning up be developed into something useful.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To confirm the Appointment of Michelle Hawley to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term ending December 31, 2015.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.209

5e. Reappointment – Jess Soltess to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term ending December 31, 2014.

Mayor McDonald explained reappointed Board Members are asked to appear before Council, because newer Council Members may not know all of the Board appointees.

Ms. Doyle asked Mr. Soltess why he wants to continue serving on this Board.

Mr. Soltess explained he has been involved with city government for a number of years, and working as a reporter in the past, he understands tainted sites and understands the effect those sites can have on communities. The City has invested quite a bit of money and time on Dutton Road where there still may be some environmental issues; he would like to stay involved in something that means so much to him.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Knight.

RESOLVED: To Confirm the Reappointment of Jess Soltess to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term ending December 31, 2014.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.210

5f. Reappointment – Joseph Iacobelli to the Tax Incentive Review Commission for a term ending December 31, 2016 - Postponed.

5g. Reappointment – Greg Ouellette to the Planning Commission for a term ending July 31, 2015

Mr. Ouellette explained the challenges the Planning Commission is faced with are always interesting with new plans that come before the Commission. This year the Planning Commission will be dealing with the aging population and how it will impact Auburn Hills; he is looking forward to those discussions.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To confirm Reappointment of Greg Ouellette to the Planning Commission for a term ending July 31, 2015.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.211

5h. Reappointment – Chauncey Hitchcock to the Planning Commission for a term ending July 31, 2015

Ms. Doyle noted she has worked with Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Ouellette, and stated they have done an excellent job.

Mr. Chauncey stated he has enjoyed working on the Planning Commission and believes his real estate background has helped. He and his wife, when looking for a community to raise a family, chose Auburn Hills and he feels privileged to be able to be a part of the Planning Commission.

Moved by Doyle; Seconded by Kittle.

RESOLVED: To confirm Reappointment of Chauncey Hitchcock to the Planning Commission for a term ending July 31, 2015.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.212

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Veronica Mitchell, Planning Commissioner and Library Trustee, asked if Council could help to communicate a new program at the Library. She explained on the third Monday of each month, from 5:00 pm. to 6:00 p.m., there will be a Board of Trustee member available to answer questions. This will allow those who are unable to attend a regular Library Board meeting the opportunity to ask questions.

Mr. Tanghe introduced Julie Knight, no relation to Council Member Henry Knight, Coordinator of Web Site and Graphic Design.

Ms. Knight introduced herself, noting she recently graduated from Oakland University. She thanked the Council for giving her this opportunity.

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.

Items 7b. and 7c. were removed from the Consent Agenda.

7a. Board and Commission Minutes

7a.1. Public Safety Advisory Committee – September 25, 2012

7a.2. Planning Commission – November 27, 2012

7a.3. Planning Commission – December 11, 2012

7a.4. Tax Increment Finance Authority – December 11, 2012

Moved by Doyle; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To approve the Consent Agenda Item 7a.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.213

7b. Motion – Approval of Purchase of Downtown Sound & Lighting System

Ms. Verbeke asked if a cost breakdown between the sound and the lighting.

Mr. Grice explained the bid is one package, integrating the new system with the existing system, so there wouldn't be a need to install new conduit.

Ms. Verbeke asked when the existing lighting was bid.

Mr. Grice explained two years ago, while doing research to switch the lighting over to LED, the DPS began working with the world renowned Farmington Hills, Michigan company Illuminating Concepts. During the initial meeting it was learned that Illuminating Concepts developed a wireless management system called *Intellistreets*. The Intellistreets program not only provides controllable cost saving LED conversions for existing infrastructure, but could also provide a truly wireless audio option for the downtown.

Responding to Mr. Knight, Mr. Grice stated currently the illumination is 85, with the new system it can be controlled and dialed up to 100 or down to zero. There has been discussion of dialing the lights down very low as a cost saving measure during the very early morning hours when businesses are closed.

Mr. Kittle questioned the cost of only the lighting, with no audio.

Mr. Grice explained many years ago it was suggested to provide music downtown, so the bid was a package deal. When Illuminating Concepts heard the City was interested in providing music to the Downtown, the staff immediately went to work on designing a custom light fixture speaker that would fit the City's existing lampposts. The result is an attractive, virtually invisible "wireless" system. In addition to providing the music element the City

had long been looking for, the *Intellistreets* system includes a wireless processor that can also provide audio advertisements and instant public announcements during public events.

Mr. Kittle noted he has been on Council since 2002 and doesn't remember any discussions regarding music downtown. He is also concerned that there is no way to verify the bid amount, without other companies submitting the same type of bid.

Mr. Grice assured Mr. Kittle that in an effort to ensure that the City was not missing an opportunity to work with other companies, the DPS went out to bid for similar systems. The scope of the bid was to focus on the specification, engineering and supply of eight LED luminaries, wireless control and integrated audio system that would fit into our existing infrastructure. The bid was placed on the MITN system and 188 companies were given the opportunity to bid.

Ms. Doyle was concerned that when the bid went out the specs may have been written by Illuminating Concepts, who would be the only company that could provide the system. Continuing, she asked if there are any surrounding communities that currently have such a system, either through Illuminating Concepts or another company.

Mr. Grice noted Branson, Missouri has this system and Illuminating Concepts is currently working with Ann Arbor and Lansing. This system is used more by the private sector.

Ms. Doyle expressed concern that audio advertising may be offensive to those people who are sensitive to noise pollution.

Mr. Grice explained the City would have total control of the volume, the lighting brightness and sound direction.

Jason Wagner, Illuminating Concepts, explained a large part of this system is the cost savings. Greenfield Village was one of the first customers and has continued helping to develop the system. Another system is located in Farmington Hills.

Mr. Wagner noted the cost would most likely be higher if bid separately; there would be two separate systems with individual components. First and foremost, Illuminating Concepts is a lighting design architectural company that has been in existence for 30+ years. Various components of Illuminating Concepts are being used at Disney locations, Comerica Park, Universal Studios, and MGM Grand. Presently, he isn't aware of any other company that does the entire package as his company does.

Ms. Verbeke questioned if repairs would be done by City staff or does the cost include repairs by the company.

Mr. Wagner stated City staff could replace the LED lighting; however, there shouldn't be a need to repair the speakers. Illuminating Concepts will provide the specs to the City in the event there is a problem. The cost includes Illuminating Concepts being available for a year for maintenance, monitoring and any scheduled training that may be required.

Mr. McDaniel asked if service would be available and the cost after the first year.

Mr. Wagner explained after the first year, \$1.00 per pole, per month was discussed.

Mr. Wagner confirmed for Mr. Knight the existing light poles would be used.

Mr. Knight was pleased a local Michigan company is being used and doesn't see much risk in moving forward with the project.

Mr. Kittle agreed there is no risk; he questions the need. He didn't recall in the Hyatt Palma report any mention of audio downtown. Continuing, he questioned what value the system will have for downtown - will it bring in businesses, increase foot traffic, or make it any safer?

Mr. Tanghe confirmed this is a TIFA project and has been discussed over the last number of years. With the opening of several buildings in the fall, it was again proposed at a TIFA meeting. He agrees, it isn't a "must have" but it is unique and ahead of the curve. It probably wouldn't be a draw to the downtown, but an enhancement.

Ms. Doyle asked if the downtown business owners have had any thoughts or comments.

Mr. Grice stated he presented the idea at a merchant's meeting and it was well received, with no concerns voiced. There were four or five merchants at that meeting, and he has not contacted any of the businesses that were not in attendance.

Ms. Doyle stated she would like to see feedback from more of the business owners prior to her supporting this system; particularly the music portion.

Mr. Knight feels this system can be an emergency management tool for street closures, bad weather or a harmful situation. To him, the amount of money is well worth the investment.

Ms. Verbeke didn't feel she could support the request and would like to have the price breakdown of lighting and audio.

Mr. Grice stated he has a two-minute video available, if it would be of value.

Ms. Doyle suggested postponing action on this item until there is more information available.

Mr. Knight would like to see this move forward, and if it works well, possibly adding the system to other City locations.

Mr. Wagner stated he will return to another Council meeting with a presentation and answers to the many questions.

Mr. McDaniel is concerned if Illuminating Concepts is no longer available, the ability to remedy any problems that occur.

Moved by Doyle; Seconded by Verbeke

RESOLVED: To postpone the 2012 LED Streetlight and Audio Retrofit Project to allow time to answer questions raised by City Council and get feedback and reaction from the downtown business owners.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.214

7c. Motion – Approval of 2013 Non-Union Benefits Resolution

Mr. Kittle noted this resolution is for current employees as well as anyone being hired in 2013; he doesn't agree with a new hire receiving the same benefits. He believes four weeks' vacation after being employed for 10 years is excessive and would like that changed, as well as a few other items. For new hires he would like changes going forward to manage costs. Private sector's average workday productivity is measured at 230 to 240 work days; Auburn Hills is at 210 work days for a 10 year employee after compensatory and vacation time off. He believes changes are necessary and will not support this resolution.

Mr. Knight agreed with Mr. Kittle, and suggested this be a workshop topic that maybe ready for implementation in 2014.

Mr. Kittle suggested keeping the proposed resolution for those employees hired by December 31, 2012 and leave new employees after that date open-ended until a new resolution is completed.

Mr. Tanghe noted two years ago there was a change made to vacation time, from 25 days to 20 days; the pension plan has been changed from defined benefit to defined contribution; this group no longer receives optical or dental once retired; cost sharing will be implemented with the employee paying 20% of their health care coverage, wages have been frozen over the last couple of years; this group doesn't have personal days as the union employees do; the compensatory time has been eliminated, it used to be up to 120 hours either bought back or used as time off; which are considerable and regular adjustments to this benefit resolution. This resolution is the same as last year, with the exception of one clerical error being corrected. Mr. Tanghe noted any suggestion that this group has not participated in the financial health of this community wouldn't be accurate.

Mr. Kittle stated he appreciates everything Mr. Tanghe stated and he appreciates the sacrifices the employees have made; however, it must be continually improving. He believes changes should be made as new employees are hired.

Mr. McDaniel, noting he has worked for two communities as well as in the private sector and having had discussions with Mr. Tanghe in the past, feels Auburn Hills' benefits is not that different from other communities.

Mr. Tanghe confirmed Mr. McDaniel's statement, noting other communities will always be found that have lesser benefits or better benefits. Compared to other communities similar in size to Auburn Hills, our benefits are very conservative; and yes, there is always room for improvement. Auburn Hills is a leader in benefits, which doesn't mean the richest benefits.

Mr. McDaniel agrees there is always room for improvement; but he wants to make sure Auburn Hills is competitive enough to find well qualified people that want to work for the City when needed.

Mr. Kittle stated he would hope prospective employees would like to work for the City for other reasons than just compensation.

Responding to Mr. Kittle, Mr. Beckerleg didn't think a benefits package could be looked at in an ad hoc way. The benefits package should be the same for current employees as well as future employees.

Mayor McDonald noted the point has been made that this will be a study session topic within the next year.

Mr. Beckerleg confirmed for Mr. Knight that if this resolution is approved an amendment can be made at any time during the year.

Moved by Doyle; Seconded by McDaniel.

RESOLVED: To adopt the 2013 Benefits Resolution for Non-Union Personnel as presented.

Mr. Kittle appreciates the discussion and is pleased it will be a workshop item.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: Kittle

Motion carried (6-1)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.215

8. OLD BUSINESS - none

9. NEW BUSINESS

9a. Motion – Approve Combined PUD Step One – Qualification / Step Two – Site Plan, along with Tree Removal Permit / Angelica’s Place

Mr. Cohen introduced the project as a two-story 18,909 sq. ft. senior assisted living facility on a 1.36 acre site zoned B-1, Limited Business district. The facility will have 36 units (29 private units and 7 semi-private units) to accommodate 43 residents. The property is located on south side of Walton Boulevard, between Snellbrook and Joswick Roads. This is a very good transition from busy Walton Boulevard to the residential area.

The citizen participation worked very well on this project. Originally there was a fence proposed along the back of the property; however, the neighbor requested the fence not be installed as he would prefer to see the trees and the building.

Dawn Foulke, owner, is pleased to be working in Auburn Hills and is looking forward to being an active participant in the community.

Mr. Cohen confirmed there were only two residents that responded to this project; one being the neighbor and another local business owner. Neither were opposed to the project.

Mr. Knight asked what this type of care typically costs and if meals are included.

Ms. Foulke stated this is assisted living so all meals are included, as well as housekeeping, social activities, and 24 hour care. The cost for a semi-private room would run approximately \$3,000 a month and a private room \$3,500; which is \$500 to \$1,000 lower than the area competition.

Ms. Hammond asked how deliveries and employees would access the building.

Mr. Dan Tosch, Progressive Associates Architects, explained the service entry is adjacent to the main entrance; there is no service drive around the back. All of the parking, 26 spaces, is in front and on the Snellbrook side of the building.

Mr. Tosch explained there is no covered entry way because of the setback requirement; if dropped off in front of the building, it would only be a 10 foot walk to the building entrance covered porch.

Ms. Verbeke asked why a PUD was proposed.

Mr. Cohen explained PUD allows custom design to fit the parcel of land, which was the simplest and most effective way of handling the situation. It could have been rezoned for a Special Purpose District, but would have needed four or five variances. When the Special Purpose District was created in the 1970’s, the type of facility that would qualify was envisioned as much larger than the one being proposed. Because of required setbacks stipulated in the zoning requirements, the property line setbacks would be much greater; that was the main reason, but there were a few others.

Ms. Doyle asked how the number of parking spaces is determined, noting residents won’t be driving, but there will be employees as well as visitors.

Mr. Cohen explained the parking spaces are based on a national standard, which is one parking space for every two units. With this design and no parking in the rear, all the trees were able to be saved, as well as the landscaping for the abutting residential.

Ms. Doyle noted she appreciates the attempt at using as much LEED guidelines as possible.

Mr. Tosch stated the building is made to look residential and they are using residential building components, including a covered porch in the front as well as a covered patio in the rear. Because of the building length, the façade was broke up from a flat line with bay windows, balconies and double-hung windows. The building is non-combustible construction, all metal framing, and completely fire suppressed.

Mr. Cohen explained this is both step one and two of the PUD process. It saves time and meets all ordinance requirements, and if so desired, ready for Council approval.

Ms. Foulke explained there is no license necessary to offer hospice care. This facility will allow hospice care as does her other facility.

Ms. Hammond is pleased with the project and asked about signage.

Mr. Butler explained a monument sign is proposed to be installed near the sidewalk.

Mr. Kittle asked if the majority of the residents are active or inactive.

Ms. Foulke expects many of her residents to be participating seniors in the community, and being able to visit the City’s wonderful senior center. She also noted the facility will have its own van to transport the residents to the community center.

Moved by Knight; Seconded by Doyle.

RESOLVED: To accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approve the Combine Step One – Qualification and Step Two – Site Plan, along with the Tree Removal Permit, to construct a senior assisted living facility subject to staff and consultant conditions.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.216

9b. Motion – Approve Investment Policy Update

Ms. Buschmohle explained two changes are being recommended as amendments to the Investment Policy. The changes represent “housekeeping items” and are not considered material. Page one is being changed to eliminate previously free standing funds that have been eliminated. All of the eliminated funds (with the exception of Village Parking) were consolidated with the General Fund as part of the City’s compliance with GASB 54. Village Parking was effectively closed when its fund balance was transferred to TIFA A to support the Parking Garage project.

Continuing, Appendix C, the acknowledgement document signed by financial intermediaries, brokers, and dealers doing business with the City, is being updated to conform to wording changes made by the State as part of Michigan’s Act 20 of 1943.

Moved by Kittle; Seconded by Hammond.

RESOLVED: To approve the amendments to the Investment Policy pertaining to updating the listing of the City’s current funds on Page 1 and Appendix C to conform to the State’s prescribed wording for the acknowledgement document.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.217

9c. Motion – Approve List Broker/ Dealers for 2013

Ms. Buschmohle explained that the City Investment Policy adopted on September 21, 2009, Section 7.0 requires a list of broker/dealers used by the City for investments be approved annually by City Council. The broker/dealers used for the City are those used by the City’s two investment managers, Ambassador Capital and Cutwater Asset Management. Each broker/dealer has signed an agreement to abide by Public Act 20.

Ms. Buschmohle explained a number of Broker/Dealers do not get rated because there is a fee; it shortens the list of available Broker/Dealers.

Ms. Doyle asked for clarification for the broker/dealers as depositories and the depositories themselves.

Ms. Buschmohle explained the broker/dealers are used by the investment managers to find investments such as treasuries, commercial paper or bonds; depositories are the banks that are used to invest in CD’s. The broker/dealers sell their findings to the City’s investment managers; they don’t physically deal with the City’s money.

Moved by Verbeke; Seconded by Doyle.

RESOLVED: To adopt the attached resolution approving the list of authorized broker/dealers used by the Investment Managers on behalf of the City of Auburn Hills.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.218

9d. Motion – Approve List of Authorized Depositories

Ms. Buschmohle noted according to the City Charter (Section 4.23), the City Council shall select annually one or more depositories in which funds of the City shall be deposited. Additions may be made at the discretion of the City Council during the year. It is very important for the City to have several institutions on the approved list, so competitive bids can be sought when investing City money.

The rating information is from Bankrate.com, the leading collector of financial rating information for over thirty years. There is also rating information from the City’s Investment Managers, Ambassador Capital and Cutwater Asset Management. All information provided is as of the third and fourth quarters of 2011, and the first and second quarters of 2012.

Ms. Doyle asked about why Mercantile and Wolverine are on the list because both of them have a C rating. She believed the City required a rating of 20 or higher and at least a B rating.

Ms. Buschmohle stated a B rating or three stars is the required bank rate by the City; however, having two out of three, as required by Council, make them available.

Ms. Buschmohle explained Wolverine has three stars and is rated by Cutwater as higher than 20; so they rate two out of three.

Ms. Doyle asked why it was necessary to have such a long list of depositories and with such a long list why the City would accept a C rating.

Ms. Buschmohle explained the C rating depositories may not be a choice for the City, but their ratings, having two out of three, as required by Council, make them available.

Ms. Buschmohle confirmed for Ms. Doyle, the same information isn't available for credit unions as there is for banks; but because credit unions have been safe, she is comfortable investing with them as well as the banks.

Mr. Knight didn't understand the bank ratings number for Cutwater. He would appreciate a key that advises what the numbers mean the next time this comes before Council.

Ms. Buschmohle explained there is a key; however, it came across very small and she wasn't able to enlarge it. The ratings for Bankrate.com are – three stars means performing; four stars is sound; and five stars is superior.

Moved by Hammond; Seconded by Verbeke.

RESOLVED: To adopt the attached resolution approving the list of authorized depositories for City funds.

Mr. Kittle requested the list be sorted in an ascending or descending rating order to better understand.

VOTE: Yes: Doyle, Hammond, Kittle, Knight, McDaniel, McDonald, Verbeke

No: None

Motion carried (7-0)

RESOLUTION NO. 12.12.219

10. COMMENTS AND MOTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Ms. Doyle:

- While reading the Public Safety minutes, she noted the tremendous amount of training the police officers go through and asked if there is anything the City can require of City residents who own hand guns.
Director Olko explained the City must follow the State and Federal laws regarding citizen's licensing and purchasing of pistols. The City does not keep a list of licensed gun holders; the State has reduced the requirements over the years for owning a pistol. If a hand gun is registered, a search of the State's data base notes the owner; however, there are no regulations for long guns, such as rifles and shotguns. Those who are licensed to sell firearms report to the ATF when large volumes of firearms have been sold and the City would be notified by the ATF.
Automatic weapons are not legal; semi-automatic handguns would need to be licensed, but not long guns.
- There is a survey in Oakland County, including approximately four miles in Auburn Hills, that is being searched for oil. Someone visited her home to let her know Squirrel Road from Cross Creek to Silverbell is one of those locations.

Ms. Verbeke:

- Requested an updated list of the 2013 Workshop schedule.
- Asked about the employee survey that was taken a few months ago of which Council received a brief overview and asked if there was more information available.
Mr. Tanghe wasn't sure what was being referred to, but would contact Ms. Verbeke to discuss.
Mr. McDaniel believed it was The Great Workplace survey.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Knight:

- In reviewing the Public Safety minutes, he was pleased to see the progress being made in the departments and hoping it will continue.
- The downtown lights are spectacular and hopes the lights, not the tree, will remain up until March 1st.
- Would like to work on the Employee Benefit Resolution early on during the workshop meetings, as he feels it is important.
- Suggested a proclamation from Council congratulating Elwell's for opening a business in the City again.
- Read in the paper about using beet juice for winter road clearing and appreciated it. He also hoped the City was continuing work for using propane and natural gas for the trucks.
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Ms. Hammond:

- Wishing all a very Merry Christmas.

Mr. Kittle:

- Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Noted just north of Ms. Doyle's home, the Pulte subdivision is about built out and is curious what impact the additional traffic will have in the area.
- Noted the Fieldstone maintenance bid was to be reviewed by Council and he hasn't seen anything yet. Mr. Tanghe stated it is being worked on by the City Manager and he will follow up.

Mr. McDaniel:

- Merry Christmas everybody.

Mayor McDonald:

- Merry Christmas to all.

11. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – none

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Acknowledged the Christmas tree lighting, noting it is coordinated by the management intern. He congratulated Brandon Guest on the great job he did. The attendance has been estimated between 300 and 500 guests.
- On behalf of City staff, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

James D. McDonald, Mayor

Terri Kowal, City Clerk

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LIST OF AUTHORIZED BROKERS / DEALERS FOR THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

WHEREAS, Section 7.0 of the City of Auburn Hills Investment Policy states that “The City Treasurer 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 following brokers/dealers as legal depositories for all public monies effective to December 31st, 2013

Bank of America / Merrill Lynch
Citigroup
Comerica
Fifth Third
Jeffries Group
JP Morgan Chase
Merrill Lynch & Co.
Mizuho Corporate Bank
Morgan Stanley
Raymond James Morgan Keegan
RBC Capital Markets Corp.
TCF Bank
UBS AG
Wells Fargo S& Co.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the favorable vote of a majority of the members of the Auburn Hills City Council on December 17, 2012.

Terri Kowal, City Clerk

Dated: _____

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LIST OF AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORIES FOR THE CITY OF AUBURN HILLS

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 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 has expired,

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, 2013

- Bank of America Charter One/RBS Citizens NA Citizens Republic
- Comerica Bank
- Fifth Third (5/3) Bank Huntington National (Bancshares) JPMorgan Chase
- Level One Bank
- Mercantile
- PNC Financial Services
- Talmer
- The Private Bank
- Wolverine
- Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union
- Credit Union One Genisys Credit Union InTouch Credit Union
- Michigan Catholic Credit Union
- Michigan State University Credit Union

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the favorable vote of a majority of the members of the Auburn Hills City Council on December 17, 2012.

Terri Kowal, City Clerk

Dated: _____