

**MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER
OCTOBER 27, 2025 – 7:30 PM**

The regular session of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Rich at 7:36PM.

Councilmembers Present: Aldred, Boleware, Bridges, Bruce, Dwyer, Knol, and Rich

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, Assistant City Manager Mondora; City Clerk Lindahl; Directors Brown, Kettler-Schmult, Rushlow and Skrobola; Police Chief Piggott, Fire Chief Unruh; City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Eagle Scouts Graham Kosiba and Lawrence Baker.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

MOTION by Boleware, support by Bridges, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 28, 2025 AS NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY

The following proclamation was read by Mayor Pro Tem Dwyer and accepted by Fire Chief John Unruh, Police Chief John Piggott, and Director of Public Services Jacob Rushlow.

**PROCLAMATION
National First Responders Day
Oct. 28, 2025**

WHEREAS, first responders, including dispatchers, firefighters, paramedics, police officers, public works professionals, and other emergency personnel, stand on the front lines selflessly serving and protecting the Farmington Hills community in times of crisis; and,

WHEREAS, first responders respond swiftly and courageously to emergencies, often putting their own lives at risk to ensure the safety and well-being of others, whether in natural disasters, accidents, medical emergencies, or threats to public health and safety; and,

WHEREAS, first responders answer the call to duty when it arises without hesitation and tirelessly give their time and energy in humanitarian efforts by making themselves available every hour of the day, every day of the year; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for community members and civic leaders in Farmington Hills to learn about and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public safety and public works; and,

WHEREAS, the year 2025 marks the 7th annual National First Responders Day sponsored by bipartisan resolutions in the U.S. Senate and House.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Theresa Rich, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim Oct. 28, 2025, as National First Responders Day. I urge all community members to join activities, events and ceremonies paying tribute to first responders to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our health, safety and advancing the quality of life for all.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 1, 2025 AS EXTRA MILE DAY

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Aldred:

**PROCLAMATION
EXTRA MILE DAY
Nov. 1, 2025**

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens collectively “go the extra mile” in personal effort, volunteerism and service; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills encourages its community members to maximize their personal contributions to society by giving themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, commitment and conviction to their individual ambitions, family, friends and community; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills chooses to shine a light on, and celebrate, individuals and organizations who “go the extra mile” to make a difference and lift up fellow members of their community; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills acknowledges the mission of Extra Mile America to create more than 550 Extra Mile cities in our country and is proud to support “Extra Mile Day” on Nov. 1, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Theresa Rich, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **Nov. 1, 2025** to be “**Extra Mile Day**” and urge all members of the community to not only go the extra mile in their own lives, but also to acknowledge individuals who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country and world a better place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS FROM CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Mike Sweeney, Emergency Preparedness Commission, presented the Tip of the Month, focusing on vehicle winter preparedness. Mr. Sweeney highlighted:

- Support for the Heart Smart system – promoting CPR training, AED awareness, and citizen involvement in providing emergency response during the first 10 minutes of an emergency health event.
- Recommended use of the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Guide as a primary source of information.
- Emphasized automotive emergency preparedness in anticipation of winter travel, including automobile maintenance and inclusion of an automotive emergency kit, also including emergency pet supplies.
- Information is distributed at events such as the Citywide Open House and the Founders Festival.

CORRESPONDENCE

Councilmember Aldred acknowledged an email from a resident who found it difficult to stay informed about development projects and planning processes in the city. He agreed that even engaged residents can find it difficult to access up-to-date information on project statuses or to know when the next public meetings will occur. While the city has already made progress with the interactive development projects map available on the city's website, more can be done to ensure information is current and that meeting schedules, minutes, and other resources are easily accessible. He stressed the importance of helping residents stay better informed about developments in their community.

Councilmember Bridges acknowledged receipt of a letter regarding an opportunity for a grant application for deer management, which he had passed on to the City Manager.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, to approve the consent agenda as read by Mayor Pro Tem Dwyer.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no consent agenda items for discussion.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Bruce addressed the impact of the ongoing federal shutdown on Michigan residents who rely on SNAP benefits, noting that many local families, children, seniors, and disabled individuals could be affected. He provided background on CARES of Farmington Hills, a nonprofit providing food and support services to over 830 families each month, including more than 300 from Farmington Hills. With rising costs and potential federal aid disruptions, he expressed concern about CARES' limited funding. Currently the city contributes \$15,000 annually through its CDBG funds. He urged Council to consider increasing financial support for CARES to ensure no local family or child goes hungry and requested that the issue be discussed in an upcoming study session.

Councilmember Bridges supported scheduling a study session on this issue, and supported increasing the city's annual contribution to CARES by at least \$5,000 - \$10,000.

Mayor Rich noted that food insecurity remains a concern in the community, affecting many local families and children. She emphasized the important role of organizations like CARES of Farmington Hills and others in helping to meet those needs. In light of the federal shutdown and the suspension of SNAP benefits, she announced a community brainstorming session on "Feeding Farmington Hills," to be held tomorrow, October 28, from 2pm-4pm, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 33900 West 13 Mile Road. The session will bring together nonprofits, faith groups, government, and education representatives to develop local solutions. The meeting will be a nonpartisan, solutions-focused working session, welcoming all ideas and community participation.

Mayor Pro Tem Dwyer voiced strong support for Mayor Rich's decision to convene a community meeting on food insecurity, in response to the imminent loss of SNAP benefits for millions of Americans, including many residents of Farmington Hills, beginning Saturday, November 1. He expressed disappointment that the initiative had drawn criticism and emphasized that the focus should be on collaborative action to address this crisis rather than on politics or blame.

Councilmember Boleware encouraged everyone to step up their donations to food pantries during this time.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Mekjian reported that the City will be improving upon the information already on the website and pushing information out on the city's social media outlets regarding available food pantries for those that may be in need.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN 4, 2000 – CUTTING EDGE CUISINE KITCHEN AND STORAGE ADDITION. CMR 10-25-150

Director of Planning and Community Development Kettler-Schmult introduced this agenda item, which was a request to amend Planned Unit Development (PUD) 4, 2000, located at the shopping center along Northwestern Highway between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt Road. The request is to add an addition to the building to expand a catering kitchen and also to update the landscaping feature which is located along Northwestern Highway, from a fountain to a native and natural landscaped bed.

The Planning Commission held a preliminary hearing on August 21 and a public hearing on September 18, recommending approval with conditions. The applicant has since requested postponement to address issues that have arisen during this timeframe.

City Attorney Joppich advised that because tonight's hearing was properly noticed, to meet legal requirements Council must open and close the public hearing. No second public hearing would be required when the matter returns, although public comment may still be accepted.

Public hearing

Mayor Rich opened the public hearing. Seeing that no blue cards had been submitted regarding this agenda item, and that no public indicated they wished to speak, Mayor Rich closed the public hearing.

Council discussion

As the applicant was not present, Council reached consensus to postpone consideration of this amendment to a date certain of November 10, 2025, with the understanding that the applicant could request another postponement should they not be ready for presentation at that date.

MOTION by Aldred, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby postpones consideration of amendment to Planned Unit Development Plan 4, 2000 – Cutting Edge Cuisine kitchen and storage addition to November 10, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-7-2025, AMENDING THE FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34, "ZONING," ARTICLE 2.0, "DEFINITIONS," IN ORDER TO ADD NEW DEFINITIONS, AND ARTICLE 5.0, "SITE STANDARDS," IN ORDER TO ADD A NEW SECTION 34-5.20, "PUBLIC ART REQUIREMENT" RELATING TO THE INCLUSION OF ART WITH CERTAIN NEW DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS (ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 1, 2025); AND SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

Director of Planning and Community Development Kettler-Schmult introduced this request for second reading of Ordinance C-7-2025, an amendment to the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances to add the requirement for public art.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-7-2025, amending the Farmington Hills Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 34, "Zoning," Article 2.0, "Definitions," in order to add new definitions, and Article 5.0, "Site Standards," in order to add a new section 34-5.20, "Public Art Requirement" relating to the inclusion of art with certain new development approvals; and summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-8-2025, AMENDING THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE IV, "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS," DIVISION 8, "FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION," IN ORDER TO AMEND SECTION 2-222, "PURPOSES, AUTHORITY AND DUTIES" (CITY CODE AMENDMENT 3, 2025); AND SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

Director of Planning and Community Development Kettler-Schmult introduced this request for second reading of Ordinance C-8-2025, a companion piece to the previous amendment, which adds language for the review and approval of public art into the City Code.

MOTION by Boleware, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-8-2025, amending the City of Farmington Hills Code of

Ordinances Chapter 2, "Administration," Article IV, "Boards, Commissions And Councils," Division 8, "Farmington Area Arts Commission," in order to amend Section 2-222, "Purposes, Authority and Duties"; and summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-9-2025, AMENDING THE FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34, "ZONING," ARTICLE 2, "DEFINITIONS," SECTION 34-2.2, "DEFINITIONS," TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF RESTAURANT, DRIVE IN, AND ADD THE DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL OUTDOOR RECREATION SPACE; AND ARTICLE 3, "ZONING DISTRICTS," SECTION 34-3.1.24, "B-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT," TO DELETE REFERENCE TO AUTOMOBILE SERVICE CENTER AND REPLACE WITH AUTOMOBILE REPAIR (ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 4, 2024); AND SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-9-2025, amending the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34, "Zoning," Article 2, "Definitions," Section 34-2.2, "Definitions," to amend the definition of Restaurant, Drive In, and add the definition of Commercial Outdoor Recreation Space; and Article 3, "Zoning Districts," Section 34-3.1.24, "B-2 Community Business District," to delete reference to Automobile Service Center and replace with Automobile Repair; and summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ADOPTION OF 2025 – 2030 CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS STRATEGIC PLAN. CMR 10-25-151

Assistant City Manager Mondora introduced consultant Emily Uselton from Raftalis Financial Consultants, who presented the finalized five-year Strategic Plan for the City of Farmington Hills. Ms. Uselton outlined the engagement and planning process, which included interviews with City Council and staff, community focus groups, and surveys, followed by the drafting of an initial plan for Council to work with. After many iterations, the resulting plan establishes a vision, mission, values, and five primary goal areas: uphold community safety and well-being; champion strategic redevelopment; cultivate placemaking and community hubs; foster a welcoming community; and achieve organizational excellence. The framework elements being voted on this evening include the vision, mission, values,

and goal areas that will guide the City and its staff in the years ahead. The strategic plan presents a bold vision for moving forward, and following adoption, implementation will begin in earnest.

Councilmembers expressed support for the plan and appreciation for the collaborative effort. Councilmember Bridges noted the plan provides a clear, achievable framework for the city's future, while Councilmember Aldred highlighted the importance of the aspirational vision statement, *"Farmington Hills strives to be a vibrant destination, preserving a welcoming and safe community where innovation, culture, and green spaces inspire people and businesses to flourish."* City Manager Mekjian thanked Council and staff for their extensive participation and noted that the plan will serve as the City's guiding document throughout the internal working of its departments and its public-facing communications.

MOTION by Knol, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the adoption of City of Farmington Hills 2025-2030 Strategic Plan.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLIC ENTITY MEMBERSHIP IN THE WEST MICHIGAN HEALTH INSURANCE POOL. CMR 10-25-152

City Manager Mekjian explained that the City's annual health insurance review process has long been challenging due to constantly rising and fluctuating costs of the multiple plan options. He had directed staff to explore more stable and cost-effective options and, after research, they identified the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool ("The Pool") as a beneficial alternative. The Pool serves approximately 17,000 Michigan public sector employees across more than 170 organizations, including cities, counties, school districts, and community colleges.

For the upcoming 2026 benefit year, it is estimated that the City will realize a savings of approximately \$1.8M while providing stability in annual premiums, lower out of pocket expenses to participants, and better coverage to employees and retirees.

The proposal includes authorizing the City to join The Pool for a minimum of three years, appointing the City Manager and Assistant City Manager as trustee and alternate trustee to The Pool's board, and authorizing execution of necessary documents.

Human Resources Director Brown, Assistant City Manager Mondora, and Gallagher Benefits Consultant Chris Glass had assisted in the review, and all were present this evening. The City Attorney's office had reviewed all documentation.

Council discussion

In response to questions, staff provided the following further information:

- The unions, including the public safety unions, had not yet seen this new health care plan.
- High deductible plans will be available through the plan. All the plans offered to active employees will be PPO Blue Cross Blue Shield plans, with a wide range of plans to choose from.
- West Michigan Health Insurance Pool began 20 years ago with eight school districts in Western Michigan. The majority of the members are still in West Michigan, but growth had been statewide. The state legislature passed a law that only allows Michigan public entities to participate in The Pool.

- The Pool includes a Value Committee that evaluates the pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) relationship and works to contain prescription costs while maintaining quality coverage.
- Current union contracts require the City to provide Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO or HMO coverage, or an equivalent plan. The Pool's coverage is equal to or better than the existing offerings, with lower employee contributions and expanded PPO options.
- OCC is a member of The Pool. Mr. Glass was unsure of other entities in Oakland or Macomb Counties that participate. There are over 100 municipal members statewide.
- Continuing with the City's current insurance provider would result in higher costs and less favorable coverage, with more than a 10% increase to employees.
- Action on this request was needed this evening to allow for open enrollment to begin in early November.

Councilmember Bridges expressed support for the measure, citing its potential to improve efficiency and reduce costs without sacrificing quality.

Councilmember Boleware expressed concern about the timing of the decision and stated that Council had not been given sufficient opportunity to review the proposal. She questioned why the matter had not been brought forward sooner. City Manager Mekjian clarified that health insurance matters are typically handled administratively and are not subject to Council approval. This item was brought forward solely because The Pool requires the designation of trustees, which necessitates a formal resolution.

Councilmember Aldred summarized that participation in The Pool would reduce costs, maintain or improve benefits, and save the City approximately \$1.8 million in the next fiscal year. Employees would retain the option of high-deductible plans with health savings accounts.

Mayor Pro Tem Dwyer opposed the proposal, stating that it represented a major change in employee healthcare and would likely result in losses to police and fire employee benefits. The plan was not properly presented, lacked adequate comparison with current benefits, and could harm employee morale, particularly in public safety departments. He criticized the process as rushed and lacking transparency. Based on his experience, without comparing the new plan against current benefits he could not support the change.

Councilmember Knol stated that benefits administration is a complex area that requires expertise and that Council relies on staff and the Human Resources Director for guidance. She supported the plan as reasonable and responsible, expressing confidence that employees would maintain quality benefits while the City would realize cost savings through pooled participation.

Councilmember Bruce, drawing from his professional experience in healthcare, supported the proposal, emphasizing that it would save money for both employees and taxpayers while expanding plan options, including HSAs. The change was a practical administrative decision that would not normally come before Council.

Mayor Rich expressed reservations, noting that she would have preferred more information about the member list and confirmation of engagement with police and fire employees. For these reasons, she would not support approval.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts the Resolution Authorizing Membership in the West Michigan Health Insurance Pool for a minimum period of three years.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council of Farmington Hills authorizes the City Manager to execute all documents necessary for the City to become a Member in the WMHIP PEPP plan and appoints the City Manager and Assistant City Manager as Trustee and Alternate Trustee to serve on Board of Directors for the WMHIP.

MOTION CARRIED 5-2 (Dwyer and Rich Opposed).

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AMENDED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2, 2023 AGREEMENT - HUNTERS SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER, INCLUDING REVISED SITE PLAN 67-9-2023. CMR 10-25-153

Planning and Community Development Director Kettler-Schmult presented the agreement for the amended Planned Unit Development (PUD) Plan and revised site plan for the Hunters Square Shopping Center. The document consolidates prior approvals into a single agreement, which has been reviewed by the City Attorney and the applicant's counsel. The applicant's representatives, John Freel and Travis Sokana, were present to address any questions.

Councilmember Boleware asked how the recently adopted public art ordinance would apply to this project, which was approved prior to the ordinance's enactment.

City Attorney Joppich explained that while the Arts Commission was not referenced in the agreement, the public art requirement remains enforceable under the zoning ordinance, and the city may still involve the Arts Commission in reviewing and selecting the artwork. The artwork requirement is documented within the agreement and will be recorded with the Oakland County Register of Deeds.

Mr. Freel agreed to coordinate with the Arts Commission, and stated their willingness to collaborate with city representatives to ensure the artwork is correctly placed.

Mr. Freel also described the project's design focus on pedestrian safety and revitalization, noting that the redevelopment seeks to reduce vehicle dominance, enhance walkability, and incorporate public art and gathering spaces in line with the City's strategic plan objectives.

MOTION by Knol, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Amended Planned Unit Development Plan 2, 2023, Agreement – Hunters Square Shopping Center including Revised Site Plan 67-9-2023.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF STIPULATED AMENDMENT TO CONSENT JUDGEMENT #75 - 29655 W. FOURTEEN MILE ROAD. CMR 10-25-154

Planning and Community Development Director Kettler-Schmult presented this request for a stipulated amendment to an existing consent judgment for the property located at 29655 W. Fourteen Mile Road, known as the Ward Eagle site, west of Middlebelt Road. The proposed amendment would expand the permitted uses for the historically designated portion of the property to include a hair salon. This use

aligns with the City's updated Master Plan, which identifies the area for broader personal service uses. The amendment also includes a provision allowing one parking space fewer than the current parking standard; no issues with parking availability have been identified and the proposed use is not expected to impact parking demand.

City Attorney Joppich informed Council that the new business owners and their attorney were in attendance and expressed appreciation for their cooperation throughout the review process. Staff and the applicants are in agreement on the stipulation, and the proposed amendment is ready for Council approval.

MOTION by Aldred, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Stipulated Amendment to Consent Judgement #75 – 29655 W. Fourteen Mile Road, west of Middlebelt, Parcel No. 23-02-226-011.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

MOTION by Knol, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to appoint the following individuals to various City Boards and Commissions:

Commission on Children, Youth & Families

	Length of Term:	Term ending:
Manni Kohli	3 years	February 1, 2029

Manni will fill the regular vacancy.

Innovation, Energy, and Environmental Sustainability Commission

	Length of Term:	Term ending:
Lawrence Baker	3 years	February 1, 2029

Lawrence will fill the alternate vacancy.

	Length of Term:	Term ending:
Srinivasa Rao Bikki	3 years	February 1, 2029

Srinivasa will fill the alternate vacancy.

Zoning Board of Appeals

	Length of Term:	Term ending:
Lloyd Banks	3 years	February 1, 2029

Lloyd will move from the alternate seat to the regular vacancy left by Erik Lindquist.

	Length of Term:	Term ending:
JoAnn Rowland	3 years	February 1, 2029

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH MICHIGAN FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LABOR COUNCIL. CMR 10-25-155

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager be authorized to execute the tentative agreement with Michigan Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council (MIFOPLC), ratified by the parties and outlined herein, being City Manager's Report dated October 27, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN MICAREERQUEST SOUTHEAST EVENT TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2025. CMR 10-25-156

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the Event Participant Agreement for the 2025 MiCareerQuest Southeast to be held on November 18, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FOURTH AND FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS AND QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT. CMR 10-25-157

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby acknowledges the fourth and first quarter financial summary reports and quarterly investment report.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2025.

MOTION by Knol support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves

the City Council study session minutes of October 13, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2025.

MOTION by Bruce support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular session minutes of October 13, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eric Schmidt, Woodbrook Court, expressed concern about recent public comments made at a prior meeting, which he felt were derogatory toward both Council and residents opposing the development proposal on 13 Mile Road east of Middlebelt. Residents participated in good faith throughout the process. Mr. Schmidt requested that Council issue a public statement condemning such remarks and reaffirming respect for community engagement. He also raised concerns about perceived improprieties involving the Mayor. He appreciated the opportunity to participate in the civic process and urged Council to continue ensuring transparency and accountability in development decisions.

Pat Hansen, Farmington, expressed disappointment that the current and previous City Councils have not finalized a location for a new Costick Center despite years of discussion and repeated consultant studies. She criticized the decision to rehire the same consulting firm and questioned the fiscal responsibility of a potential plan to add onto the aging Hawk building. She urged the future council to take decisive action to meet the needs of the city's senior community. She also requested that public comment periods be moved back to the beginning of Council meetings.

Angie Smith, Farmington Hills resident, explained that Farmington Public Schools provides weekend food assistance for students in need, via a backpack program, ensuring they receive additional support beyond school meals. She thanked the council members who spoke about meeting the food needs of the community. Local aid organizations like CARES currently lack essential supplies. She invited elected officials to join a non-political community effort this Saturday at Shiawassee Park to collect and deliver needed items to CARES.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular session of City Council meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk