

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
OCTOBER 9, 2017 – 7:30 PM  
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Massey at 7:34 p.m.

Council Members Present: Bridges, Bruce, Knol, Lerner, Massey, Rich and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Mekjian, Directors Mondora, Monico and Randle, Fire Chief Unruh and City Attorney Joppich

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Preston Buszka, Emergency Preparedness Commission member, led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER, 2017 AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Rich and accepted by Councilmember Steckloff:

**National Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
October 2017**

**WHEREAS,** since about 1 in 8 U.S. women (approximately 12%) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the U.S., except for skin cancer, and breast cancer death rates are higher than those for any other cancer besides lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 252,710 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 63,410 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer, and an estimated 40,610 women are expected to die from the disease in 2017 alone; and

**WHEREAS,** death rates have decreased since 1989 as a result of increased awareness, treatment advances, and earlier detection through screening with mammography, which is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancerous long before physical symptoms become apparent; and

**WHEREAS,** there are over 3.1 million women with a history of breast cancer in the U.S. today including women currently being treated and women who have finished treatment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2017 as **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and encourage citizens to become aware of their risk for breast cancer, undertake regular screenings for early detection, and if diagnosed, to talk to their health care providers about treatment options.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steckloff mentioned that she recently lost a girlfriend to breast cancer at the age of 31 and she urged both women and men to do self-examinations as they are the best advocate for their own body.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION TIP OF THE MONTH**

The following Tip of the Month was read by Emergency Preparedness Commission member Preston Buszka:

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION  
Tip of the Month  
OCTOBER 2017**

**October is Fire Safety Month**

**Fire Safety**

The Emergency Preparedness Commission would like to remind everyone to install smoke alarms on every level of your residence: outside bedrooms on the ceiling or high on the wall, or at the top of open stairways or at the bottom of enclosed stairs and near, but not in, the kitchen. Test and clean smoke alarms once a month. Replace batteries at least once a year. (Remember to annually change batteries by changing them every New Year's Day or perhaps when the clocks are changed in the spring or the fall.)

Smoke detectors don't last forever, please replace smoke alarms at least every 10 years. This includes wired types.

Remember, a fire can engulf a home in approximately five minutes. Should you have a house fire, get out quickly. Do not stop to fight the fire yourself; do not stop to look for family keepsakes. Remember that you are your family's most important keepsake, so keep safe and get out alive. Prepare yourself and your family by having an occasional fire drill.

**Trick or Treat**

With "Trick or Treating" just around the corner, remember that Halloween costumes can sometimes be dangerous. If you buy or rent your costumes, please look for the "flame-resistant" label. Flame-resistant is not the same as flame-proof, but it will resist catching fire and can be extinguished more easily. If you make your own costume, try to avoid large flowing costumes made of lightweight cloth. Consider using make-up instead of a mask, as mask can obscure your vision.

While it is fun to be out at night and going door-to-door for treats, there are alternatives. Sometimes condominiums, apartment complexes, local churches, and organizations host indoor "angels night" parties, or outdoor trick-or-treat events. Maybe you can attend one of these as a family.

For more information regarding the Emergency Preparedness Commission visit the website at [www.fhready.org](http://www.fhready.org).

### **FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRESENTATION**

Superintendent George Heitsch provided a brief overview of the Non-Homestead Millage Proposal that will be on the November 7, 2017 ballot of those residing in the Farmington Public School District.

### **STATE REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE**

State Representative Christine Greig provided an update on legislation relating to the following:

- Opioid Addiction Bill Package
- Auto No-Fault Insurance
- Anti-Sanctuary City Bill that would not allow local communities to make their own rules on how to deal with immigration issues; this has stalled out of committee
- Pre-emption Bill regarding local decision-making on rental properties
- Pre-emption Bill that would not allow communities to institute a soft drink tax, which is already in the constitution; this has passed and is before the Governor for signature.

Representative Greig stated that she is also working on a change in corporate tax law that allows for-profit companies to be mission drive and legislation to address the topic of special assessment districts and communities that want to institute a millage but want to exempt those persons already paying on a special assessment.

Mayor Massey asked that Representative Greig continue to fight for the rights of home rule cities. He added that he continues to reach out to legislators with regard to the special assessment district issue and appreciates the assistance from Representative Greig in trying to move this forward.

### **OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATE**

Marsha Gershenson provided the following information from the County:

- There has been a rise in Hepatitis A in the County; Hepatitis A vaccines are provided by the Oakland County Health Department along with low-cost flu shots (\$7).
- A case of rabies was found in the Troy area; Animal Control is asking for people to use caution in approaching animals they do not know.
- Oakland County has a trap and neuter program to decrease the population, particularly for farrow cats
- Oakland County is hosting a Resource Day on November 1, 2017 at the Royal Oak Farmers Market

Councilmember Knol commented on the new Oakland County Animal Shelter is that opened Friday.

Councilmember Bruce mentioned that the Hepatitis A vaccine requires 2 doses and he encouraged all to get vaccinated.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence acknowledged.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Roll Call Vote:

- Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Praveen Govindaraj, Johnstown, inquired how the proposed road millage would affect residents that have paid off their road millage early.

City Manager Boyer stated that the proposed millage is not moving forward at this time until the City receives resolution from the state on the issue of exempting residents currently paying on a road special assessment.

Mayor Massey confirmed the city's intent with the proposed language was to exempt residents in an active SAD and they are still working with legislators on this issue.

Mr. Govindaraj inquired how the roads would be maintained now that they have been replaced.

Mayor Massey responded that there is a 2-year maintenance bond with the contractor to make any needed repairs within that time frame and then the City's Department of Public Works (DPW) would maintain the roads going forward.

Linda Racey, Rollcrest, commented on the Kennel on Rollcrest and mentioned that Channel 7 wanted to interview her so she was hoping to get some information from Council on why Farmington Hills did not take action and it was being handled by Wayne County.

Mayor Massey explained the actions taken by the City and County and the fact that the Kennel will be closing and added that any inference that the City or County was not doing its job is incorrect.

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Rich announced the following:

- Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> the State Bar is having a senior outreach initiative at over 100 locations including the American House in Farmington Hills at 10am.
- Councilmember Rich commented that at her outreach event on Sunday many topics were discussed including roads, policy, protocols, sanctuary cities and kudos were given to the EPC and the trainings they offer.

**CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

City Manager Boyer mentioned the following:

- The last day to register to be able to vote in the November 7, 2017 Election is Tuesday, October 10, 2017
- The last hazardous waste day is Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am-2pm at RRRASOC in Southfield
- A drug take back is being held on October 28, 2017 at 10am and 2pm at the Police Department
- December 1, 2017 is the last day that yard waste will be picked up for the year

Councilmember Bruce inquired about the status of the 12 Mile Road construction project. City Manager Boyer responded that they are working on both sides of the road to hopefully finish this year.

Mayor Massey stated that there was no activity on Friday when he was on 12 Mile Road and suggested that this is communicated to Oakland County.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-7-2017, AMENDING THE FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTIONS 4-4 AND 4-6, TO CONFORM TO CHANGES IN STATE LAW REGARDING UNLAWFUL PURCHASE, CONSUMPTION, OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY MINORS; AND APPROVAL OF SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.**

City Attorney Joppich explained that the ordinance was introduced at the last City Council meeting and requires two readings. The purpose of the ordinance amendment was to bring the city ordinance into compliance with state law. He noted that state adoption date for the changes was initially moved up to October 10, 2017 and they were recently notified that the date has been moved back to January 1, 2018. Attorney Joppich suggested that if approved by Council, that the motion include the effective date of January 1, 2018 rather than the language provided in the packet.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-7-2017, amending Sections 4-4 and 4-6 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Farmington Hills, Michigan, to conform to changes in State Law regarding unlawful purchase, consumption, or possession of alcohol by minors; and approval of summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEYAND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-8-2017, AMENDING THE FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 20, "SOLICITORS AND PEDDLERS," SECTION 20-11, "OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC," AND SECTION 20-15, "PEDDLING/SOLICITING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY" TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 112 OF 2017 APPLICABLE TO SOLICITING IN PUBLIC STREETS; AND APPROVAL OF SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.**

Attorney Joppich stated that this ordinance was introduced at the last Council meeting and requires two readings. This ordinance amendment would bring the current ordinance in line with new state law.

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-8-2017, amending the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 20, "Solicitors and Peddlers," Section 20-11, "Obstructing Traffic," and Section 20-15, "Peddling/Soliciting on Public Property" in order to comply with and establish consistency with the requirements and statutory amendments in Public Act 112 of 2017 applicable to soliciting in public streets; and approval of summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEYAND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

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

**Commission on Aging**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term Ending:</b>
Linda Lee	Filling vacancy	February 1, 2021
Katherine Marshall	Filling vacancy	February 1, 2021
Daniel Fantore	Filling unexpired term	February 1, 2019

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term Ending:</b>
Dennis King	Filling unexpired term	February 1, 2019

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE GREENCASTLE SUBDIVISION WATER MAIN PROJECT TO D.V.M. UTILITIES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$899,228.00. CMR 10-17-87**

Director of Public Services Mondora explained that this contract is related to the issues experienced by the Greencastle residents as a result of the Middlebelt Tunnel Project. She noted that staff worked hard to expedite this project and bids were opened on September 28, 2017. Staff is recommending award of bid to the low bidder, D.V.M. Utilities, Inc. She added that an Open House has been scheduled with the residents to discuss the project.

MOTION by Rich, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the award of bid for the Greencastle Subdivision Water Main Project to the lowest competent bidder, D.V.M. Utilities, Inc. of Sterling Heights, Michigan, in the amount of \$899,228.00 and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR DEFINED CONTRIBUTION, RHS, DEFERRED COMPENSATION AND ROTH IRA CONSULTANT SERVICES TO MBC INVESTMENT CONSULTING FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS; WITH RENEWAL OPTIONS. CMR 10-17-88**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with MBC Investment Consulting for Defined Contribution, RHS, Deferred Compensation, and Roth IRA Consultant Services, for a period of five (5) years, with options to renew in two (2) year increments upon mutual agreement between the City and MBC Investment Consulting.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF AWARD OF BID FOR SEVEN (7) FLIR THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS TO SAFEWARE INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,533.74. CMR 10-17-89**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Safeware Inc., in the amount of \$24,533.74 for seven (7) Flir Thermal Imaging Cameras.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEYAND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR A GOLF GREENS ROLLER TO JW TURF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,028.95. CMR 10-17-90**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for a golf greens roller to JW Turf in the amount of \$19,028.95.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEYAND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE SALT DOME ROOF AT THE DPW FACILITY TO DOME CORPORATION OF NORTH AMERICA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$90,460.00. CMR 10-17-91**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to approve a purchase order to Dome Corporation of North America in the amount of \$90,460.00 for the removal and replacement of the salt storage dome roof at the DPW Facility.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEYAND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF DUMP TRUCKS AND ADDITIONAL SNOW FIGHTING EQUIPMENT WITH WOLVERINE FREIGHTLINER-EAST SIDE IN THE AMOUNT**

**OF \$293,822.00, AND TRUCK AND TRAILER SPECIALTIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$506,178.00. CMR 10-17-92**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Wolverine Freightliner-East Side, Mount Clemens, MI, for a total of \$293,822.00 for the purchase of three Freightliner truck chassis and authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Truck and Trailer Specialties of Dutton, MI, for an amount not to exceed \$506,178.00 for the purchase of a single-axle Dump Truck with a slip-in salt spreader, one single-axle, and one tandem-axle swap-loading trucks with additional attachments and snow-fighting equipment.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR NATIVE PLANT INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE TO NATURAL COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,588.00. CMR 10-17-93**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Natural Community Services for Native Plant Installation and Maintenance in the amount of \$37,588.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR 2017 AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS PURCHASE TO ROWLEY'S WHOLESALE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 10-17-94**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order on behalf of the City to Rowley's Wholesale in the amount of \$30,000.00 for 2017 Automotive Fluids Purchase; with possible extensions.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GREAT LAKES SANTAS, INC. AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE.**



MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Local Governing Body Resolution for Gaming Licenses Issued by the Bureau of State Lottery, recognizing Great Lakes Santas, Inc. as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2017.**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of September 25, 2017 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2017.**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of September 25, 2017 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The City Attorney's report was received by Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Massey adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk