

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
INNOVATION, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN**

CALL TO ORDER BY: Chair Matthew Strickfaden at 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Matthew Strickfaden, Vice Chair Bernard Hooper, Secretary Tracy Collins, Kotireddy Burla, Dr. Robin Cash, Megan Kershaw, Chandra Koganti,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Taimoor Khan, Tony Reames, Ken Snodgrass.

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilmember Jon Aldred, Secretary to City Manager Danielle King

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Bernard Hooper, supported by Megan Kershaw, to approve the agenda as submitted. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Bernard Hooper, supported by Kotireddy Burla, to approve the agenda as submitted. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of the public were present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Chair Matthew Strickfaden recommended committee members share ideas that the IEESC may present to City Council for approval/implementation. Suggested ideas included:

- Wildflowers in green space areas, medians, common spaces. Plant for season-long blooms
- Environmental aesthetic upgrades to green spaces/common areas (flowers, new plantings)
- Piggyback on storm water/water management plan (i.e. 13 & Farmington basin)/ SEMCOG manual may have resources - including walking path, picnic areas, ice pond, art sculptures
- Parking lot improvements / prairie type plantings
- Pollinator Project
- Solar panel lighting (parking lots, green spaces)
- City-wide internet Wi-Fi
- Car pool area
- Battery recycling stations
- Central gathering area / similar to Plymouth fountain, Farmington Farmers Market
- City/DPW to provide residents soils, seeds, mulch

It was discussed to have a workshop type discussion to create of list of the top several ideas that the IEESC would like to present to City Council. Focus on 2 or 3 project to begin.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Chair Matthew Strickfaden would like to present a short film to committee members at the next meeting regarding a potential IEESC project. Motion by Chandra Koganti, supported by Kotireddy Burla, to add Chair Strickfaden's presentation to the 10/14/25 IEESC meeting agenda. Unanimously approved.

LIASON COMMENTS: Councilmember Jon Aldred attended the City Council study session on 9/8/25 and one of the topics discussed was a presentation on the draft blueprint to Zero Food Waste in Farmington Hills - Make Food Not Waste. The cost of implementing the program is quite expensive and City Council/ Mayor Rich would like the IEESC to review the program materials submitted and report back to City Council with some alternative/less costly ideas. Secretary to City Manager Danielle King will email IEESC members with a downloadable link for those who were unable to open the attachment that Assistant City Manager Karen Mondora previously sent to members.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion approved by Chandra Koganti, supported by Kotireddy Burla to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes Drafted by IEESC Secretary Tracy Collins