

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
JULY 9, 2018 – 7:30 PM
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Massey at 7:30 p.m.

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

Council Members Absent: Bridges

Others Present: City Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith, Fire Chief Unruh and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Emma Seidel, Miss Oakland County, led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Rich, support by Steckloff, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION TIP OF THE MONTH

The following Tip of the Month was read by Emergency Preparedness Commission Member Doug Reynolds:

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
Tip of the Month
July 2018**

One of the great things about living here in the mid-west is that during the summer we walk the roads and sidewalks of our various neighborhoods and have an opportunity to reconnect with those who live in our community. The Emergency Preparedness Commission encourages everyone to take advantage of this naturally friendly season to get to know your neighbors better, and to do the things that will make you a better neighbor: learn new first aid skills, join or form a Neighborhood Watch group, find out who in your neighborhood has special needs. Building relationships and learning important skills can be extremely important in dealing with, or recovering from, an emergency situation. If, while you're out walking, you have a pet walking next to you, remember that you need to include any household pets in your emergency preparedness plans.

There are approximately 34,000 households in Farmington Hills. Unfortunately, every street and apartment building houses people who do not know their neighbors. Yet in time of crisis, it is your neighbor who might be the most important for your survival.

We encourage everyone to get acquainted with your neighbors. During a disaster or crisis, members of a neighborhood might need to pool their available assets, such as tools, equipment, and skills, in order to help each other.

Two other summertime tips:

- 1) Take heat seriously. It seems like summer comes late and doesn't last long enough in Michigan, but on the hot days that are coming, don't underestimate the seriousness of heat illness. So as you're having fun, remember to drink plenty of water, avoid sunburn and heat stress, and review your first aid skills regarding heat illnesses.
- 2) And since we mentioned tornados, most tornados in Michigan occur in April, May, June and July between 3 and 7 p.m. Have a tornado escape plan in place, and practice with your family.

As always, the Emergency Preparedness Commission urges all residents to make preparedness a part of daily life. For more information, visit the EPC website, www.FHready.org.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JULY 2018 AS NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Lerner and accepted by Parks and Recreation Superintendent, April Heir:

**PROCLAMATION
Farmington Hills Celebrates
National Parks and Recreation Month
July 2018**

- WHEREAS,** Parks and Recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout our state and country; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department is vitally important to establishing and maintaining our quality of life, ensuring the health of our citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of the entire community and region; and
- WHEREAS,** Parks and Recreation programs are shown to increase a community's property values, expand the local tax base, increase tourism, attract and retain businesses, and reduce crime; and
- WHEREAS,** the programs that are created and managed by the City's Special Services Department help to build a healthy, active community and positively impact the physical, mental, and emotional health of all those who participate; and
- WHEREAS,** the City's parklands and natural recreation areas enhance the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and enjoy the outdoors.

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 July 2018 as **National Parks and Recreation Month** and encourage all citizens to pursue enjoyment of the outdoors and take part in one of the Special Services Department's many wonderful programs including cultural arts, golf, archery, aquatics, ice skating, fishing, senior activities, Nature Center classes, athletics, special events, and more.

MISS OAKLAND COUNTY PRESENTATION AND INTRODUCTION OF CONTESTANTS

Emma Seidel, Miss Oakland County, commented on her year as Miss Oakland County and promoting her platform – Youth Empowerment-Raising Strong G.I.R.L.S and on the benefits of the Miss America Organizations. She stated that she was 3rd Runner-Up in the Miss Michigan Pageant that provided her

additional scholarship funding towards her education and expressed her gratitude for the program and opportunity.

The Miss Oakland County contestants for 2018 introduced themselves and their platforms:

- Erica Kennedy – Get a Grip – Strategies to reduce college debt
- Kristin Penrose – Unity of Community Outreach for at-risk children

Miss Oakland County invited Council to attend the Miss Oakland County Pageant at Oakland University on Saturday.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Massey acknowledged correspondence from the City Attorney that all Council members received.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Diana Katz, Abbington, W. Bloomfield, expressed concern over Councilmember Bruce's comments at the last City Council meeting regarding West Bloomfield residents.

Joel Katz, Abbington, W. Bloomfield, reiterated points made at the last Council meeting regarding the development of a senior facility and storage unit facility that he feels were not addressed, including no plan to address parking concerns, why lesser setbacks have been allowed and safety of first responders and residents of the senior facility. He added that he and many others were offended by the comments of one of the Council members on West Bloomfield residents.

Councilmember Bruce addressed his comments made at the last meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following comments and/or announcements were made by Council:

- Councilmember Rich stated that she attended several concerts in the park and they were outstanding and very well attended and congratulated staff for a job well done.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Boyer mentioned the following:

- Reminded residents that fireworks are no longer permitted.
- Oakland County Animal Control is going door-to-door to make sure dogs are licensed
- Summer taxes have been mailed and are due August 31st

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO JOIN OAKWAY FIRE DEPARTMENT MUTUAL AID GROUP. CMR 7-18-60

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Farmington Hills Fire Department to join the OAKWAY mutual aid group.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE MOTOR CITY HARLEY DAVIDSON ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2018.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for Motor City Harley Davidson located at 24800 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills, to hold their Annual Anniversary special event August 25, 2018 from 10am to 5pm, subject to the following conditions:

- An electrical permit will be required through the Building Department
- The event shall comply with the minimum Fire Prevention Code requirements
- There shall be no parking within 20' of the tent
- Tents must meet the NFPA 701 Standard and flame resistance label affixed to panels
- Egress from the facility shall not be blocked or restricted
- Fire lanes (20' minimum) shall not be blocked or restricted
- Proponent must contact Fire Prevention to schedule an inspection prior to the beginning of the event
- The Farmington Hills Fire Department will be providing Medical Standby. There will be one supervisor and one paramedic on standby and the proponent agrees to pay the cost for this service
- The occupant load for the store area is 496 and the occupancy load for the vacant space is 950. Neither area shall at any time exceed those amounts
- If the vacant space is use, the locking hardware shall be removed for the doors
- It is estimated that 3000 people will attend the event between the times of 10:00am and 5:00pm
- There will be alcohol sales on site during the event and a special liquor license has been secured There will be ample parking provided to those in attendance. The Harley Davidson parking lot will be used for motorcycle parking only. There are two parking lots on the west side of Haggerty Road that have been secured for all other vehicles to park
- There will be parking attendants in both parking lots to assist drivers
- Two Farmington Hills Police Officers will be at the north end of the parking lot assisting with pedestrian traffic crossing Haggerty Road
- There will be numerous vendor tents and activities in the parking lot during this event. Emergency access and all fire lanes will be available

- There will be live music during this event. The stage and speakers will back up to Haggerty Road, facing east, toward the dealership. There will be tents, semi-trailer displays and vendor displays between the stage and the building to act as a buffer for sound reflection
- Motor City Harley Davidson will have professional private security officers on scene for the event
- Motor City Harley Davidson has agreed to pay for four Farmington Hills Police Officers and two sergeants for both days of the event as outlined by Police Chief Nebus
- There will be medical personnel provided by Motor City Harley Davidson for both days of this event
- The City reserves the right to shut down any event in case of an emergency that would jeopardize the health, safety or welfare of residents or persons in attendance at the event.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2018.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of June 25, 2018 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2018.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of June 25, 2018 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The City Attorney's report was received by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Massey adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk