

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2021 – 7:30 PM

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Barnett at 7:37pm.

Council Members Present: Barnett, Boleware, Bridges, Knol, Massey, and Newlin

Council Members Absent: Bruce

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Valentine, Directors Mondora and Monico, Police Chief King and City Attorney Young

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

State Representative Samantha Steckloff led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021

City Clerk Smith administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Mayor and Council Members.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2021 AS MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

The following Proclamation was read by Council Member Bridges and accepted by former Mayor and current Planning Commissioner Barry Brickner, a survivor of prostate cancer:

**PROCLAMATION
November 2021
Men's Health Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, each year during the month of November, men across the globe are encouraged to band together and grow mustaches to promote and raise awareness of men's health issues; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, the Mustaches in November (or "Movember") campaign has generated a global health movement and raised thousands of dollars to fund more than 1,250 men's health projects around the world including prostate and testicular cancer research, mental health initiatives, and suicide prevention; and

WHEREAS, the newly grown mustaches of the Movember Men's Health Awareness Movement prompt conversations, create greater understanding of the health risks men face, and motivate them to take action for their health since men are 24% less likely than women to have an annual visit with a physician; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the City of Farmington Hills, including firefighters and police officers, have abandoned shaving for the month of November to “Gro a Mo” and show their support for the Movember Men’s Health Awareness Month cause.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Vicki Barnett, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize **Movember 2021 as Men’s Health Awareness Month** and urge men to learn about their risks for prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and mental health issues, and to undertake screenings for early detection, talk to health care providers about treatment options if diagnosed, and to motivate their fellow men to take care of their health.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received and acknowledged regarding:

- Missing traffic lane lines at Halsted and Grand River Avenue
- Petitioning the City for sidewalks

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, to approve the consent agenda as read.

Roll Call Vote:

- Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, AND NEWLIN
Nays: NONE
Absent: BRUCE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There were no public questions or comments.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following council member comments and announcements were made:

- Mayor Barnett and Councilmembers Knol and Bridges thanked the residents for supporting them in the past Election and electing them back into office. They are looking forward to continuing to serve the residents. They also thanked the election inspectors and City Clerk’s Office for their efforts in running a smooth Election.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Mekjian made the following comments:

- Thank you to Central Services Director Monico and the IT staff for getting the audio fixed in the chamber
- Fall yard waste pickup ends the week of December 13th
- Provided an update on the 14 Mile Road watermain break

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE CONVERSION OF SHADY RIDGE DRIVE FROM GRAVEL TO HARD SURFACE. CMR 11-21-105

Karen Mondora, Director of Public Services, reviewed the gravel road policy procedures and noted that Shady Ridge Drive originally had 92% of the residents in favor of an informational meeting to discuss converting the gravel road to hard surface. Following the informational meeting on the preliminary engineering, a 2nd petition was circulated representing 69.77% of the residents still in favor of the project.

Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing. She acknowledged a letter received from Jo Anne Zechar on Shady Ridge.

Jo Anne Zechar stated that her main question was why it was felt that the paving was needed. She also questioned if the road could be shown what it would look like with the paving and the canopy of trees removed or detailed plans shown and the steps involved for the proposed paving. She asked Council to drive the street and appreciate the canopy of trees that exist. She is concerned with those being removed.

Director Mondora stated that residents request their gravel road to be paved for various reasons, including leveraging the millage funding to pave the roads and increasing their property values, eliminate the dust and maintenance of the roads and vehicle maintenance.

Mayor Barnett explained that the informational meeting was held and that this step tonight was to approve the project to be engineered and designed. Many of the questions that Ms. Zechar had could not be answered until the project goes through the engineering and design phase. She suggested that Director Mondora meet with the residents following the hearing to discuss the project and moving forward if approved.

Mayor Barnett also acknowledged a letter from Darold and Lauren Ottersen, Shady Ridge, confirming that they are still in favor of the project.

Carolyn Bowden, Shady Ridge, stated that it was her understanding from the informational meeting that 3 trees would be removed to widen the street in one area but that they would be replaced. She commented on the horrible condition of the road when it rains and the need to have the road graded often. She indicated she was in favor of the project for those reasons.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the conversion of Shady Ridge Drive from gravel to hard surface; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council directs City staff to identify a specific project schedule for this conversion consistent with the Capital Improvement Program and within the City's Local Road budget and also accounting for any specific issues presented by this conversion.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT FOR MICHIGAN INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION (MIDC) MANAGING ATTORNEY SERVICES WITH KIM WILSON IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000. CMR 11-21-106

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Kim Wilson to provide MIDC managing attorney services as described in the grant application. The contractors pay will be \$100/hour, not to exceed \$12,000, with the contract valid from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 or upon completion of all grant requirements.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, AND NEWLIN
Nays: NONE
Absent: BRUCE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC FOR THE LEASE OF SPACE ON AND ADJACENT TO THE CITY WATER TOWER FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 11-21-107

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
**RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE AGREEMENT
FOR USE OF THE CITY WATER TOWER**
RESOLUTION NO. R-200-21

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held on November 8, 2021, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, with those present and absent being,

PRESENT: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY AND NEWLIN
ABSENT: BRUCE

the following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilperson Massey and supported by Councilperson Newlin:

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2016, the City of Farmington Hills entered into a lease agreement with Oakland County, by and through its Water Resource Commissioner, which authorizes the city to enter into lease agreements with wireless telecommunications service providers for placement and use of antennas and related equipment on and adjacent to the City Water Tower; and

WHEREAS, the city has received a request from New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC to lease space on and near the Water Tower for the placement and use of its antennas and wireless telecommunications equipment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Ordinance No. C-2-2016, adopted March 28, 2016, a lease agreement for use of the City Water Tower for the installation and operation of antennas and equipment must be approved by resolution of Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills hereby approves the lease agreement between the City of Farmington Hills and New Cingular

Wireless PCS, LLC for the lease of space on and adjacent to the City Water Tower upon the terms and conditions presented to City Council during its regular meeting on November 8, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into said lease agreement.

AYES: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY AND NEWLIN
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BRUCE
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR MASS NOTIFICATION (FH ALERT) AND EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT SUBSCRIPTION TO SHI, INC. FOR FIVE YEARS AT \$20,999.99 PER YEAR. CMR 11-21-108

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve purchase orders to SHI, Inc. for Everbridge for five (5) years at \$20,999.99 per year.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, AND NEWLIN
Nays: NONE
Absent: BRUCE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED AUTHORIZATION OF AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE HAWK STADIUM FIELD REPLACEMENT PROJECT WITH WAKELY ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000. CMR 11-21-109

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Wakely Associates to provide Architectural & Engineering Services for the Hawk Stadium field replacement project in the amount of \$80,000 (\$69,000 + \$11,000 Contingency).

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, AND NEWLIN
Nays: NONE
Absent: BRUCE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR LASER CUTTER SYSTEM TO FAIRWAY LASER SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,945. CMR 11-21-110

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for an Epilog Fusion Edge 24 CO2 60W to Fairway Laser Systems in the amount of \$23,945.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, AND NEWLIN
Nays: NONE
Absent: BRUCE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE ANTHOLOGY OF FARMINGTON HILLS FAMILY FUN EVENT TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021.

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for the Anthology of Farmington Hills Family Fun Event to be held on Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 4pm-7pm, subject to the following conditions:

- There will be approximately 150 attendees during the three-hour event
- A DJ will be on site for announcements and music
- Ample onsite parking
- The applicant is not requesting assistance from the Police Department at this time
- No one shall be allowed inside the building prior to the final Certificate of Occupancy being issued from the Building Department
- Egress shall be maintained
- Fire lanes shall not be blocked
- Food trucks shall operate according to the NFPA and Fire Prevention Code standards, specifically:
 - Ensure that fuel tanks are filled to the capacity needed for uninterrupted operation for the duration of the event
 - All connections/piping shall be checked for leaks prior to operating
 - Any cooking system which produces grease laden vapors shall be protected by listed fire extinguishing equipment
 - Fire extinguishers shall be installed and maintained according to NFPA 10
- The applicant must contact Fire Prevention to schedule an inspection prior to the beginning of the event
- The event shall comply with minimum Fire Code Requirements
- Use of the generator is subject to approval of an electrical permit and approved inspection prior to the event

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, AND NEWLIN
Nays: NONE
Absent: BRUCE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CANCELING THE DECEMBER 27, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby cancels the regular City Council meeting of December 27, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, AND NEWLIN
Nays: NONE
Absent: BRUCE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2021

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council study session meeting minutes of October 25, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, AND NEWLIN
Nays: NONE
Absent: BRUCE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2021.

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council regular session meeting minutes of October 25, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, AND NEWLIN
Nays: NONE
Absent: BRUCE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

ATTORNEY REPORT

The attorney report was received by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 8:30pm.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk