

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING (VIA TELECONFERENCE)  
JULY 27, 2020 – 7:30 PM  
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER**

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Barnett via teleconference at 7:30pm.

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

Council Members Absent: None

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Barnett led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA**

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

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

- Concern from a resident with the golf course driving range being closed so often and there being an issue with the golf ball machine. City Manager Boyer indicated that there was an issue with a piece of equipment and that will be fixed shortly. Mayor Barnett suggested posting this on the website.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

County Commissioner Gershenson provided the following update:

3 loans for small business are available

1. Oakland Together Small Business Recovery Grant

These funds will help retail stores, restaurants and personal service businesses like beauty salons and fitness centers that were impacted by the Pandemic. Eligible businesses have suffered actual or anticipated losses from March 2020 through July 2020 including loss of revenue, operating at a reduced level of production sales employment or service or were fully closed for all operations and are now in the process of reopening qualify.

2. State of Michigan is offering the Michigan Small Business Restart Program to support business impacted by COVID. Businesses can apply for grants up to \$20,000. Applications are available now and are due by August 5.

3. Michigan Entrepreneur Resilience Fund Loans. this is intended for geographically and demographically under-represented and disadvantaged individuals.

These are loans that can be forgiven based on eligibility.

Thank you!

Say healthy and wear a Mask

The following persons expressed concerns over the current Library Board and work environment and several inquired about the possibility of an elected board over an appointed board:

- Glen Whitelaw, Oak Pt Drive
- Lisa Vanstone, Westland resident and current employee of the Library
- Suzanne Dengiz, Oak Pt Drive (currently furloughed from the library)
- Steven Kish, Springland
- Michael Shereta, Novi resident
- Mark Clessa, Summit Drive
- Jeff Padwick, Edmonton
- Emily Demeester, Farmington resident
- Joe O'Connor, Farmington resident
- Kristy Cooper, Library Defense Network, inquired about the timing for appointments to be made to the Board.

Mayor Barnett commented on the history of the Library Board and the role of both City Councils of Farmington and Farmington Hills. She added that she hopes to have some clarification from the City Attorney what would be required to have an Elected Library Board and share that at the next public meeting and move forward in a positive way so that everyone is happy with the direction of the public library. She noted that the appointments would be made sometime following the Primary Election and would require consent from the City Council once she makes her recommendation from the applications filed.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following Council comments were made:

Several members of council commented on the concerns with the current Library Board and the role of the City Councils.

Attorney Joppich stated that he will have an update on the legal procedures for converting from an appointed board to an elected board for Council by its next meeting.

**CITY MANAGER UPDATE:**

City Manager Boyer provided the following update:

- The only hazardous drop off date this year will be Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 1-6pm at OCC Orchard Ridge Campus.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A FREIGHTLINER TRUCK CHASSIS WITH WOLVERINE FREIGHTLINE-EAST SIDE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,031; AND PURCHASE OF A TANDEM-AXLE DUMP TRUCK WITH A SLIP-IN SALT SPREADER WITH TRUCK AND TRAILER SPECIALTIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$173,440. CMR 7-20-82**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Wolverine Freightliner-East Side, Mount Clemens, Michigan, for a total of \$105,031.00 for the purchase of a freightliner truck chassis; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Truck and Trailer Specialties of Dutton, Michigan, for an amount not to exceed \$173,440 for the purchase of a tandem-axle Dump Truck with a slip-in salt spreader.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A SEWER JET TRUCK WITH MTECH COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$134,323; A QUICKVIEW AIR POLE CAMERA WITH BELL EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,900; AND SPECIALTY NOZZLES WITH DOHENY COMPANIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,500. CMR 7-20-83**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order with MTECH Company in the amount of \$134,323, which reflects the trade-in of vehicle #250 for \$6,000, for the purchase of a Pipe Hunter 7724 sewer jet truck; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order with Bell Equipment in the amount of \$26,900 which reflect the trade-in of the City's existing equipment for \$1,000 for the purchase of a Quickview Air Pole camera; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to approve a purchase order with Doheny Companies in the amount of \$8,500 for the purchase of specialty nozzles to be used for storm sewer cleaning.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FOUR PICK-UP TRUCK SNOW PLOWS TO WEINGARTZ SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,692.00. CMR 7-20-84**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order with Weingartz Supply in the amount of \$21,692.00 for the purchase and installation of four (4) pick-up truck snow plows.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF FIVE VEHICLES WITH SIGNATURE FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,716; TWO VEHICLES WITH BERGER CHEVROLET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,667; AND SEVEN VEHICLES WITH TODD WENZEL BUICK GMC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$241,542. CMR 7-20-85**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue purchase orders as follows:

- 1) To Signature Ford for five (5) vehicles in the amount of \$160,716
- 2) To Berger Chevrolet for two (2) vehicles in the amount of \$52,667
- 3) To Todd Wenzel Buick GMC for seven (7) vehicles in the amount of \$241,542.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE VACATION OF A WATER MAIN EASEMENT AND TWO SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS; AND APPROVAL OF TWO AGREEMENTS FOR STORM WATER DETENTION FOR THE BARBARA ANN KARMANOS CANCER HOSPITAL LOCATED AT 31995 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY. CMR 7-20-86**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a resolution to vacate a water main easement, as legally described therein, a copy of which is attached to the resolution, pursuant to the establishment of a new water main easement as part of the engineering plan approval process; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the resolution to vacate a sanitary sewer easement, as legally described therein, a copy of which is attached to the resolution, pursuant to the establishment of new sanitary sewer easement; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the resolution to vacate a sanitary sewer easement, as legally described therein, a copy of which is attached to the resolution, pursuant to the establishment of new sanitary sewer easement; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the resolution to vacate the Agreement for Storm Water Detention System, as legally described therein, a copy of which is attached to the resolution, pursuant to the establishment of new Agreement for Storm Water Retention & Discharge Restriction System; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the resolution to vacate the Agreement for Storm Water Detention System, as legally described therein, a copy of which is attached to the resolution, pursuant to the establishment of new Agreement for Storm Water Retention & Discharge Restriction System.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2020.**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council regular session meeting minutes of July 13, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE AFSCME COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering into a closed session to discuss the AFSCME collective bargaining agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

City Council returned to regular session immediately following the closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 9:28pm.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk