

**MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 28, 2022 – 7:30 PM**

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Barnett at 7:36pm.

Council Members Present: Barnett, Boleware, Bruce, Knol and Massey

Council Members Absent: Bridges and Newlin

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, Deputy City Clerk Lindahl, Directors Mondora and Monico and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lew Cantor, Economic Development Corporation Vice Chairperson, led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

Councilmembers acknowledged the following correspondence received:

- Email received from a resident regarding eviction. They were referred to Cares of Farmington Hills.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Boleware, support by Bruce, to approve consent agenda as read.

Mayor Barnett mentioned that there was a request for comment on Consent Agenda Item #5, Award of Contract for Solid Waste, Yard Waste and Recycling Collection and Disposal Services. She invited Mike Csapo, General Manager of Resource, Recycling and Recovery Association of Southwest Oakland County, up to make a few comments.

Mark Csapo, General Manager RRRASOC, stated that he did not have much more to add to the discussion from the last study session meeting, with the exception that the City of Wixom had similar discussions regarding GFL services and approved GFL as their new waste hauler. He confirmed GFL is the lowest bidder for current services provided.

Paul Rothenberg, resident, stated he has lived in Farmington Hills for the last 19 years and appreciates the community. He is also with Priority Waste who was the 2nd lowest bidder and he thanked everyone for the bidding process.

Council Member Knol expressed her concern with the performance of GFL in downriver communities which caused some communities to end their contract with GFL. She stated she does not want that to happen in Farmington Hills and asked if the contract protects the city in case issues are not remedied.

City Attorney Joppich responded that there is a provision in the contract that states upon 30 days' notice and failure to correct any non-compliance with the contract and specifications therein or ordinances or laws, the city can terminate the contract on 7 days more notice.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There were no public questions or comments.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Council Member comments or announcements.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Mekjian made the following comments:

- Spring yard waste pickup resumes April 11th
- Special Services Adults 50 & Better volunteer breakfast will be held on April 9th at the Costick Center

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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

Planning Commission

Kristen Aspinall	Length of Term: Unexpired term	Term ending: February 1, 2023
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Economic Development Corporation

Susan Arlin	Length of Term: Unexpired term	Term ending: February 1, 2027
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MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Susan Arlin stated she looks forward to this opportunity and thanked City Council and staff.

Lew Cantor, Economic Development Corporation Vice Chair, stated that he appreciates City Council for being supportive and he is excited to have new members to come onboard. He also noted that T.R. Carr was the new EDC President.

T.R. Carr stated that he is confident in this board and feels this is a great time to be a part of Farmington Hills. He thanked City Council and staff.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT TO THE CITY OF FARMINGTON. CMR 3-22-29

MOTION by Boleware, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the Interlocal Agreement to provide Information Technology Support to the City of Farmington from April 1, 2022 through June 20, 2027 for the fees listed in the agreement with possible additional extensions at the rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 3% whichever is less.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CELLCO PARTNERSHIP D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS FOR THE CITY HALL CAMPUS TOWER. CMR 3-22-30

MOTION by Boleware, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves and authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the First Amendment to Lease Agreement with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the City Hall campus tower.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE, YARD WASTE, AND RECYCLING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES TO GREEN FOR LIFE ENVIRONMENTAL FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS WITH ONE OR MORE ADMINISTRATION-APPROVED EXTENSIONS NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF THREE (3) ADDITIONAL YEARS, UNDER THE PRICING, TERMS & CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE AGREEMENT. CMR 3-22-31

MOTION by Boleware, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves and authorizes the City Manager to sign a contract with Green for Life Environmental for Solid Waste, Yard Waste, and Recycling Collection and Disposal services on behalf of the City of Farmington Hills for a period of five (5) years with one or more administration-approved extensions not to exceed a total of three (3) additional years, under the pricing terms and conditions set forth in the agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE CLEANING, RESTORATION AND PAINTING OF THE INTERIOR GARAGE AREA OF THE DPW FACILITY TO DU-ALL CLEANING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$149,220. CMR 3-22-32

MOTION by Boleware, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign a contract with Du-All Cleaning in an amount not to exceed \$149,220 which includes a 10% contingency for the cleaning, restoration, and painting of the walls and ceiling of the DPW's garage area.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF THE PASADENA PARK FIRE HYDRANT EXTENSIONS CDBG TO THE SPRINGLINE EXCAVATING, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$482,738.94. CMR 3-22-33

MOTION by Boleware, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the award of Pasadena Park Fire Hydrant Extensions CDBG to the lowest competent bidder, Springline Excavating, LLC in the amount of \$482,738.94; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2022.

MOTION by Boleware, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council study session meeting minutes of March 21, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING
MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2022.**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council regular session meeting minutes of March 21, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS AN
EMPLOYEE REQUESTED REVIEW FOR GARY MEKJIAN, CITY MANAGER (NOTE:
COUNCIL WILL RETURN TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CLOSED
SESSION TO TAKE ACTION IF NEEDED AND TO CLOSE THE MEETING).**

Mayor Barnett announced that City Council will return to open session immediately following the closed session to take action if needed and to close the regular meeting.

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering into a closed session to discuss an employee requested review for Gary Mekjian, City Manager.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Council entered back into regular session immediately following the closed session at 8:44pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Massey, support by Bruce, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 8:44pm.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk