

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER
DECEMBER 9, 2024 – 7:30 PM

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Rich at 7:38PM.

Council Members Present: Aldred, Boleware, Bridges, Bruce, Dwyer, Knol and Rich

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian; Assistant City Manager Mondora; City Clerk Lindahl; Directors Aranowski, Brockway, Kettler-Schmult and Rushlow, Police Chief King, Fire Chief Unruh, and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Alex Dorr led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SISTERS SOARING TOGETHER

The following proclamation was read by Mayor Pro Tem Bridges and accepted by Rochelle Prestage, President, Sisters Soaring Together Official Interest Group, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.:

**PROCLAMATION
Sisters Soaring Together
Celebrating Chartering with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated[®]
December 15, 2024**

WHEREAS, Sisters Soaring Together, an official interest group of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated[®], has demonstrated exceptional commitment to service, sisterhood and social impact, aligning with the Sorority’s historic legacy of advancing scholarship, leadership, and social justice; and,

WHEREAS, the women of Sisters Soaring Together have worked diligently to establish a chapter that will continue the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated[®] legacy of “Service to All Mankind,” addressing community needs and uplifting individuals and families; and,

WHEREAS, this profound achievement brings the mission and vision of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated[®] to the Farmington Hills community, creating new opportunities for educational excellence, civic engagement, and the promotion of unity and empowerment, ensuring a legacy of service, academic support and philanthropic endeavors to inspire future generations of leaders; and,

WHEREAS, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® has a rich history of addressing societal issues and empowering women to be agents of change, a tradition that the Sisters Soaring Together chapter will proudly uphold and carry forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Theresa Rich, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby honor and warmly congratulate **Sisters Soaring Together** on this significant milestone and historic occasion of their chapter chartering on December 15, 2024. In recognition of their dedication to the ideals of **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®**, we celebrate this remarkable achievement as they continue to soar in sisterhood and service, positively impacting the Farmington Hills community and beyond.

Rochelle Prestage, President, Sisters Soaring Together Official Interest Group, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., thanked Council for their recognition and support, noting the Group's upcoming transition to a formal chapter on December 15. Ms. Prestage highlighted the group's dedication to serving the community and affirmed their commitment to continuing and expanding their partnerships with local schools and community organizations.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING POLICE CHIEF KING'S RETIREMENT AND YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY

Council Member Dwyer expressed pride in honoring Chief King, reflecting on their long history. Dwyer had hired Chief King as a cadet in 1995 and promoted him to police officer in 1996 and was now presenting the Chief with a Proclamation acknowledging his exceptional career and leadership.

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Dwyer and accepted by Police Chief King.

**PROCLAMATION
Police Chief Jeff King
On the Occasion of his Retirement
December 16, 2024**

WHEREAS, Chief Jeff King has dedicated over 29 years of exemplary service to the Farmington Hills Police Department with unwavering commitment to the safety, well-being and security of the community; and,

WHEREAS, during his distinguished career, Chief King has worked tirelessly to build strong relationships with residents, fostered a culture of professionalism, integrity, and accountability, and helped ensure the Farmington Hills Police Department is a pillar of trust and respect in the community; and,

WHEREAS, under Chief King's leadership, the Farmington Hills Police Department achieved numerous successes, including becoming one of the first police departments in the State to receive multiple re-accreditations through the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission and becoming the only department in the State in which all first responders are certified in Mental Health Crisis Response; and,

WHEREAS, Chief King has been a respected City department leader, colleague and mentor to his fellow officers, encouraging their growth and development, while leading by example with strength, compassion and fairness and without prejudice or partiality to create an environment where a diverse work group can grow and succeed; and,

WHEREAS, Chief King leaves behind a legacy of service and leadership in the City that will continue to inspire future generations of law enforcement professionals; and,

WHEREAS, as Chief King embarks on a new chapter, we express our deepest gratitude for his dedication and contributions to the safety of our community and commitment to excellence in law enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Theresa Rich, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby honor **Chief Jeff King** for his extraordinary service, and express our heartfelt thanks and best wishes for his future endeavors.

Fire Chief Jon Unruh, Vice President of Farmington Hills Police and Fire Benevolent Association, thanked Chief King for his 5 years of service and dedication to the FHPFBA Board of Directors.

State Representatives Samantha Steckloff and Kelly Bree were present to honor Chief King, and Rep. Steckloff read a Special Tribute from the State of Michigan to Chief King, on the occasion of his retirement.

Council Members congratulated Chief King on his retirement after 29 years of service within the Police Department. They specifically mentioned:

Innovations and Firsts:

- Implementing body-worn cameras.
- Introducing the Transparency Dashboard to enhance accountability.
- Hiring the department's first crime data analyst.

Professional Development and Leadership:

- Accreditation of the department.
- Prioritizing officer training and mentorship.
- Successfully recruiting and retaining top talent in law enforcement.

Community Engagement:

- Establishing the Citizens Police Academy and fostering strong community relationships.
- Maintaining an open, compassionate, and transparent approach with residents.

Commitment to Diversity and Constitutional Policing: Promoted inclusive and unbiased policing in Farmington Hills, one of Michigan's most diverse communities.

Legacy and Impact: Left the department stronger and well-prepared for future success, with a legacy of professionalism, innovation, and community trust.

Chief King reflected on his career and expressed gratitude to key individuals and organizations, including the influence of former Chief Dwyer in shaping the department's professionalism. Chief King emphasized the department's unwavering commitment to delivering superior, unbiased service and attributed its success to the dedication of its officers and staff. He expressed pride in the department's accomplishments and confidence in its future.

Assistant Chief Piggott reflected on his journey with Chief King, beginning as cadets managing front desk duties. He praised Chief King's passion for the profession and dedication to upholding and strengthening high standards established by those who had gone before, particularly mentioning the leadership of former Chief Dwyer. Assistant Chief Piggott highlighted the department's reputation as a gold standard in law enforcement, crediting Chief King's leadership for ensuring a strong commitment to community safety and accountability.

SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware to select Councilmember Dwyer as Mayor Pro Tem.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS FROM CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS

School Board Member Angie Smith expressed gratitude to Mayor Rich, the City Council, and Chief King for their dedication and collaboration with the community, particularly their strong relationship with Farmington Public Schools. She highlighted Chief King's efforts to foster trust and transparency, including engaging with students and hosting community programs. Ms. Smith also commended the City's partnership with new Superintendent Dr. Kelly Coffin, emphasizing the importance of rebuilding relationships and maintaining consistency to support students and staff. She thanked city leaders for their continued efforts to strengthen ties between the city and the School District.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol to approve consent agenda items 8 -14 as read by Mayor Pro Tem Bridges.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Bridges to approve consent agenda item 15 as read by Mayor Pro Tem Bridges.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER AND KNOL
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: RICH
MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items removed for discussion.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Bruce acknowledged the passing of his friend Carl Christoph, who served as a magistrate for many years as well as participated for many years in various ways in volunteer service to the City. Mayor Pro Tem Bridges added that Carl's most recent service was on the Council on Aging Commission, where he had been very active.

Mayor Rich called for a moment of silence in honor of Carl Christoph and his many years of friendship and service to the city.

Mayor Rich provided updates on the following:

- The Mayor attended the Senior Extravaganza sponsored by Rose Development, which begins operations in February, and praised Mercy High School Mercyaire's for their performance. She emphasized the importance of such events for community members who may be alone during the holidays.
- The Mayor highlighted recent listening sessions for seniors at the Costick Center, facilitated by the Commission on Aging, to gather feedback on their needs and priorities. Attendance had been strong at these events and the Mayor looks forward to a report from the Commission to inform future planning.
- The Mayor announced the next "Walk the Hawk with Council" event on Tuesday, December 17, at noon, which will take place indoors on the third floor. She invited residents to join and share their thoughts on any topic.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Mekjian provided the following update:

- **Yard Waste Pickup Reminder:** This is the final week for yard waste collection. Residents whose yard waste has not been picked up are encouraged to contact the Public Works Department at 248-871-2850 for assistance.
- **Farmington Area Goodfellows Event:** On December 21st at 9 a.m., the Goodfellows will deliver groceries, toys, and care packages to needy families and seniors in Farmington and Farmington Hills. Volunteers are needed, with lineup starting at 8:45 a.m. at 37849 Interchange Drive.
- **Holiday Wishes:** As this is the final City Council meeting of 2024, City Manager Mekjian extended warm holiday wishes to everyone in the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-9-2024 TO AMEND THE FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34, "ZONING" IN ORDER TO RESTATE CERTAIN PERMITTED AND SPECIAL APPROVAL USES, IN PARTICULAR REGARDING GAS STATIONS, CAR WASHES,

AND AUTO REPAIR SHOPS; TO ESTABLISH OR CLARIFY STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL OR REDEVELOPMENT OF USES; AND TO ADDRESS DRIVE-THROUGH WINDOW STANDARDS; AND SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

Director of Planning and Community Development Kettler-Schmult explained that this was the second hearing for the proposed text amendment. The first public hearing was held during the previous Council meeting on November 25th, following extensive discussions, including multiple Planning Commission meetings, a joint session with the Council and Planning Commission, and a Council study session.

As there was no discussion, and as Mayor Rich acknowledged extensive conversation regarding these amendments prior to this evening, she indicated she was ready to entertain a motion.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Aldred that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-9-2024 to amend the Farmington Hills Code Of Ordinances, Chapter 34, "Zoning," Article 3, "Zoning Districts," Section 34-3.1.25, "B-3 General Business District," and Section 34-3.1.29, "LI-1 Light Industrial"; Article 4, "Use Standards," Section 34-4.28, "Gasoline Service Stations," Section 34-4.31, "Retail Business And Fabrication, Repair, And Processing Of Goods," Section 34-4.35, "Drive-In Restaurants," Section 34-4.36, "Outdoor Space For Sale Or Rental Of New Or Used Motor Vehicles, Trailers, Mobile Homes, Boats, Recreational Vehicles And Other Similar Products," and Section 34-4.40, "Vehicle Wash," in order to restate certain permitted and special approval uses, in particular regarding Gas Stations, Car Washes, and Auto Repair Shops; to establish or clarify standards for approval or redevelopment of uses; and to address Drive-Through Window standards; and approval of summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-10-2024 TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY, PARCEL 22-23-34-408-009, TO CLAUDIO RODRIGO AGUILERA QUEZADA; AND SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION. CMR 12-24-123

Director of Economic Development Brockway explained that this was the second reading of the proposed ordinance. The first reading took place during the November 25th meeting. The ordinance seeks to authorize the conveyance of city-owned property for purchase by a city resident.

MOTION by Knol, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-10-2024 to authorize the conveyance of Lot 149 of Assessor's Krave's Grand River Heights, Parcel # 22-23-34-408-009 (Vacant Land) to Claudio Rodrigo Aguilera Quezada in accordance with the terms of the Agreement Regarding Purchase of Property, signed by the City Manager and Purchaser; and approval of summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH

Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION AND USE OF SPACE IN THE HATCHERY BUSINESS INCUBATOR. CMR 12-24-124

Referencing the December 9, 2024 administrative summary regarding this matter, Director of Economic Development Brockway provided the following information:

- **Background:** Farmington Hills City Council approved an incubator agreement with Comprehensive GI Solutions PLLC on June 12, 2023, effective July 1, 2023, with an initial term ending December 31, 2024, and up to five potential one-year extensions.
- **Initial Agreement:** Comprehensive GI Solutions became the first user of the incubator space at The Hawk, leasing 1,000 square feet for \$1,950/month, with a \$65 increase per extended term. The business is interested in remaining in the existing space for an additional term.
- **Proposed First Amendment will:**
 1. Reduce the termination notice period from 180 to 60 days.
 2. Allow the City to adjust the Incubator area size at its discretion.
 3. Apply industry-standard operating procedures to the lab.
 4. Remove the stated intention to hire an Incubator Manager, offering flexibility.
 5. Authorize a one-year extension through December 31, 2025.
- **Recommendation:** City staff and the City Attorney have prepared the First Amendment for Council approval.

After discussion of the issues involved, the following motion was offered:

MOTION by Aldred, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the First Amendment to the Agreement for Participation and Use of Space in The Hatchery Business Incubator and authorizes the City Manager to execute said Amendment on behalf of the City, subject to City Attorney and City Manager approval of necessary adjustments, if any, to the contract language to finalize its terms with the Incubator Participant company.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR FIRE PLAN REVIEW FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS TO CODE SAVVY CONSULTANTS, FIRE SAVVY CONSULTANTS, AND FIRE SAFETY CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS WITH RENEWAL OPTIONS. CMR 12-24-125

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue purchase orders to Code Savvy Consultants, Fire Savvy Consultants, and Fire Safety Consultants, Inc. for a period of two (2) years with optional renewal for four (4) additional one (1) year periods between the City and each firm through mutual consent and under the same terms & conditions.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE REVISED FEE SCHEDULE AND SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH FIRE PLAN REVIEW FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS. CMR 12-24-126

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves and authorizes the Farmington Hills Fire Department Plan Review Fee Schedule and Submittal Requirements, Revised 12/2024, as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF TURNOUT GEAR FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO CONWAY SHIELD (REPRESENTING LAKELAND FIRE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$224,000. CMR 12-24-127

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Conway Shield (representing Lakeland Fire) for turnout gear for a total of \$224,000.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT VEHICLE ASSIGNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES TO LUNGHAMER FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,801. CMR 12-24-128

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Lunghamer Ford for a 2025 Ford Transit Van in the amount of \$58,801.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE 2025 CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING CALENDAR.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the 2025 City Council Annual Meeting calendar.

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

CITY COUNCIL

(Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:30 PM City Hall – Council Chambers)

Each regular meeting may be preceded by a City Council study session commencing at 6:00 p.m.

January	13	27
February	10	24
March	10	24
April	14	28
May	12	
June	9	
July	14	
August	11	
September	8	29
October	13	27
November	10	24
December	8	

Meeting Dates, Times and Location are subject to Change. Meetings are also subject to cancellation. Agendas for meetings are posted at City Hall prior to each meeting and in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Agendas are also posted on the City's website at www.fhgov.com

NOTE: Anyone planning to attend a meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410 as soon as possible or at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting, wherein necessary arrangements/accommodations will be made. Thank you.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHING THE BUDGET STUDY SESSION MEETING DATES OF MAY 5 AND MAY 6, 2025.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby establishes the budget study session meeting dates of May 5 and May 6, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CHARTER FOR A BIRTHDAY PARTY LEADER.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves an employment request per Section 10.01A of the City Charter for Morgan Thomas, who is related to an employee of the City, Taiza Thomas, who is employed in the Recreation Division of Special Services.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 25, 2024.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approve the city council regular meeting minutes of November 25, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER AND KNOL
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: RICH

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Koss, Tina Drive, a board member of Green Hill Woods II HOA, spoke regarding a recent encampment near Grand River and the Halsted service drive at M-5. He described the growing concern among nearby residents as tents and other structures appeared in the area, which is close to approximately 500 homes. Koss commended the responsiveness of the city's police and fire departments, who engaged with residents and people in the encampment and attempted to address the issue.

Amy Prusaitis, Elena Street, requested that City Council enact a no public camping ordinance similar to one recently adopted by the City of Farmington. She described concerns about the recent encampment near Grand River and Halsted. While she commended Chief King and Sergeant Hernandez for their responsiveness and professionalism, such an ordinance would better equip officers to address similar issues efficiently and protect the community.

Elma Granata, Vacri Lane, also requested that the City enact a no public camping ordinance.

Pea Gee, Farmington Hills resident, advocated for promoting within the police department. She highlighted the qualifications of Assistant Chief John Piggott and Captain Brian Moore, advocating for their consideration as Chief and Deputy Chief, respectively. Promoting from within would ensure continuity within the department.

Steven Hedwig, Farmington Hills resident, offered thoughts on issues in the City.

Angie Smith, Farmington Hills resident, reflected on her positive experiences working with past police chiefs, including Chiefs Dwyer, Nebus, and King, and her ongoing role with the Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CPAC). She acknowledged the difficulty of selecting new leadership and expressed confidence in the Council's ability to make the right decision for the community.

Lynn Pawloski, Farmington Hills resident, expressed concern regarding restrictions on collecting signatures for petitions in the city. As a field coordinator for Voters Not Politicians and Promote the Vote, she emphasized the importance of gathering signatures in areas where residents naturally congregate. Ms. Pawloski expressed concern over the current ordinance, which prohibits petitioning in front of public facilities such as The Hawk, the Costick Center, and Heritage Park. She urged Council to revise the ordinance to better support residents' participation in the democratic process.

Ronald Gadoth, Farmington Hills resident, expressed concerns about the restrictions on gathering signatures in Farmington Hills. He emphasized the importance of engaging with individuals in relaxed settings, such as before concerts or while waiting in lines, as these moments are essential for meaningful interaction. Mr. Gadoth shared his frustration over being prohibited from collecting signatures on public premises like The Hawk and the Costick Center, noting that such limitations hinder participation in democratic processes and reflect poorly on the City. He urged the Council to clarify and revise policies to permit signature collection on public spaces near these facilities.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Attorney report was received by Council.

CLOSED SESSION

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION REGARDING TWO PRIVILEGED ATTORNEY-CLIENT LEGAL OPINIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE CITY'S ATTORNEYS (MCL 15.268(H)).

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a motion to enter into a closed session, pursuant to Subsections 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, for purposes of discussing and consulting with the City's attorneys regarding two privileged attorney-client legal opinions and correspondence from the City's attorneys.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council went into closed session at 8:54pm.

Council returned to regular session immediately following the closed session at 9:33pm.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a motion to proceed in the manner recommended by the City Attorneys in closed session.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular session of City Council adjourned at 9:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk