

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
NOVEMBER 26, 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 7:30p.m.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Mekjian, Directors Barr, Mondora and Monico, Fire Chief Unruh and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

April Heir, Special Services Recreation Superintendent, led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

INTRODUCTION OF THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION OF OATH

Maddie Carpenter-Crawford, MYC Chair, discussed the programs and activities for the Mayor's Youth Council. Each member of the Mayor's Youth Council present introduced themselves to Council.

City Clerk Smith administered the oath of office to the Mayor's Youth Council members present.

SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

The following nominations were made for Mayor Pro-Tem:

Dr. Theresa Rich – nominated by Councilmember Steckloff

Dr. Randy Bruce – nominated by Councilmember Knol

Michael Bridges – nominated by Mayor Pro-Tem Lerner

Mayor Massey suggested a ballot vote. Attorney Joppich outlined the procedures for a ballot vote.

Michael Bridges was elected Mayor Pro-Tem by Council on a 5-2 vote as announced by Clerk Smith.

SUSTAINABLE FARMINGTON HILLS TIP OF THE MONTH

The following Tip of the Month was read by Councilmember Bruce:

Sustainable Farmington Hills
Tip of the Month
November 2018

Here are a few tips to help you become more sustainable this fall...

1. When it comes to storing food, get rid of wasteful plastic bags and find alternative storage. You could start off by purchasing reusable containers, aluminum or plastic, to pack your food in.
2. If you are drowning in bills and junk mail, there is an easy way to help eliminate much of it. Many places now allow you to pay online, so look for the paperless option and have your bills sent to your email.
3. When clearing out your wardrobe, consider donating your clothes to a thrift store or program where people will be able to reuse them.

For more tips and information please visit www.sustainablefh.com

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CITY'S FY 2017/18 AUDITED COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Steve Barr, Director of Finance, provided Council with the following highlights from the FY 17/18 Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report:

- The City was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the 20th year
- The City received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award for the 35 year in a row and since the awards inception, which is quite a point of pride for the city
- Excellent bond ratings were received - AAA (highest bond rating) from Standards and Poor and Aa1 (second highest bond rating) from Moody
- An unmodified opinion (highest possible) was received by Plante & Moran
- The General fund is financially sound with the unassigned fund balance at 25%
- The City's pension system is 79% funded and retiree healthcare is 108% funded

Director Barr thanked his staff for all of their hard work, specifically Shu-Fen Lin, City Comptroller.

Doug Bohrer, Plante & Moran, summarized the city's audit results, noting the following:

- The City has received an unmodified opinion on financial statements which is the highest opinion that can be received and means the statements are materially correct both in numbers as well as disclosures.
- There were no internal control weaknesses, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies identified.
- A new fund, the Community Center Renovation Fund, was established to handle the purchase of the new high school and middle school properties.

Tom Kempa, Plante and Moran, reviewed the budget graphs with Council and Tim St. Andrews, Plante and Moran, discussed the city's legacy costs for retiree health care and health care and pension contributions and capital investments.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby accepts the City's FY 2017/18 Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATE

Oakland County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson announced the following:

- Oakland County citizen appointments would be opening soon for various committees and if any resident was interested in serving they could visit the Oakland County website or contact her for more information.
- New prescription drug cards for residents without insurance and dental discount cards will be made available at the City Clerk's Office
- Those interested in hosting a family for the holidays through Community Housing Network should contact Oakland County

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence acknowledged.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, to approve Consent Agenda items #8 through #12.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, to approve Consent Agenda items #13 and #14.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: BRIDGES

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Carr, Glover Ct, congratulated the City on their budget award and thanked the City Council and staff for their efforts in putting the millage proposal on the ballot and allowing voters to express their opinion.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Steckloff addressed why she did not participate in ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lerner mentioned the following events:

- Tuesday, November 27th is Giving Tuesday and he encouraged all to give to local charities.
- Thursday, November 29th is the ribbon cutting for the newly renovated Country Lanes Bowling at 4:45pm followed by a Charity bowl-a-thon between the Councils and staff from both Farmington and Farmington Hills. All participants donated \$20 and the winning team will be able to provide the money collected to their charity of choice.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Boyer made the following announcements:

- The City's Annual Tree Lighting will take place December 4th at 6:30pm
- Yard waste pickup ends the week of December 10th - 14th

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FROM THE MERIDIAN OPERATIONS, LLC TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP AND LOCATION OF AN ESCROWED 2018 CLASS C & SDM LIQUOR LICENSE WITH VARIOUS PERMITS TO BE LOCATED AT 26750 HAGGERTY ROAD.

City Clerk Smith explained that this is a transfer of a Class C license with various permits from another community and is proposed to be used by Meridian Operations LLC to operate a full-service banquet facility in Farmington Hills.

Kelly Lane, Attorney representing the owner, thanked the City for the easy process in applying for the transfer. Amit Pathak, owner, explained the proposed business that he hopes to open very soon.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts Meridian Operations, LLC for the transfer of ownership and location of an escrowed 2018 Class C Liquor License and SDM License in conjunction with Sunday Sales (AM & PM), and Entertainment Permit and 4 new Bar Permits and Dance Permit to be located at 26750 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills, MI.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to appoint John Trafelet to fill a vacancy on the Historic District Commission with a term ending February 1, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR THE CITYWIDE HVAC REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO TEMPERATURE SERVICES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$135,000. CMR 11-18-92

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve a purchase order to Temperature Services, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$135,000 for the Citywide HVAC Replacement Project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO OFFICE DEPOT/OFFICE MAX IN AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST OF \$85,000 PER YEAR FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 11-18-93

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes a contract for office supplies and equipment to Office Depot/Office Max in an estimated annual cost of \$85,000 per year for a period of three (3) years and for two (2) additional two-year periods under the same terms and conditions upon mutual consent of the cooperative and vendor.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR FIRE FIGHTER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO PHOENIX SAFETY OUTFITTERS, FIRST DUE SAFETY AND 5 ALARM FIRE & SAFETY EQUIPMENT; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 11-18-94

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve all budgeted purchases for fire fighter personal protective equipment for a period of one year with optional renewal for up to four (4) additional one year periods to the following companies:

1. Phoenix Safety Outfitters for Dragon Fire Alpha X Gloves, Firecraft Phoenix Structural Gloves and Honeywell Pro Warrington Boots
2. First Safety for Globe Superlite Boots and Lifeline Hoods
3. 5 Alarm Fire & Safety Equipment for MSA Cairns 1044 Helmet and Cairns 664 Invader with Tuff Shield

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ADOPTING RESOLUTIONS FOR THE VACATION OF TWO WATER MAIN EASEMENTS AND AN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR STORM WATER RETENTION AND DISCHARGE RESTRICTION SYSTEM LOCATED AT 32240 MIDDLEBELT ROAD (HILLEL DAY SCHOOL). CMR 11-18-95

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the attached resolutions to vacate two water main easements, as legally described therein, a copy of which is attached to the resolutions, pursuant to the establishment of a new water main easement; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorize the City Manager to approve the attached amendment to the Agreement for Storm Water Retention and Discharge Restriction System, as legally described therein, a copy of which is attached to the amendment.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
EASEMENT VACATION
RESOLUTION NO. R-163-18a**

At a session of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, State of Michigan, held in the City Hall on the 26th day of November, 2018, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

PRESENT: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF
ABSENT: NONE

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Bridges and supported by Councilmember Knol:

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Farmington Hills did on the 26th day of November, 2018, determine that it is advisable to vacate, discontinue or abolish the following easement, located in the City of Farmington Hills, subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Farmington Hills:

Legal Description: Water Main Easement - See Attached

WHEREAS, the Council has met and heard any and all objections to such vacation, discontinuance or abolition and having determined to proceed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the above captioned easement is hereby vacated, discontinued or abolished pursuant to the establishment of a new Water Main Easement as part of the engineering plan approval process.

AYES: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF
NAYS: NONE
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
EASEMENT VACATION
RESOLUTION NO. R-163-18b**

At a session of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, State of Michigan, held in the City Hall on the 26th day of November, 2018, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

PRESENT: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF
ABSENT: NONE

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Bridges and supported by Councilmember Knol:

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Farmington Hills did on the 26th day of november, 2018, determine that it is advisable to vacate, discontinue or abolish the following easement, located in the City of Farmington Hills, subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Farmington Hills:

Legal Description: Water Main Easement - See Attached

WHEREAS, the Council has met and heard any and all objections to such vacation, discontinuance or abolition and having determined to proceed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the above captioned easement is hereby vacated, discontinued or abolished pursuant to the establishment of a new Water Main Easement as part of the engineering plan approval process.

AYES: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF
NAYS: NONE
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF EXCESS PROPERTY FROM THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY TO THE CITY. CMR 11-18-96

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
PURCHASE OF VACANT PROPERTY
RESOLUTION R-164-18**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills desires to purchase vacant property along Halsted Road, north of Eight Mile Road, parcel number 23-31-476-028 and 23-31-476-032 and legally described in Exhibit B in the City of Farmington Hills and County of Oakland, State of Michigan ; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Farmington Hills acquire the Property for such price and upon such terms and conditions as set forth within this Resolution by the Board of County, Road Commission of the County of Oakland a Michigan Corporation (Grantor) in their discretion, deem advisable for a price of \$1.00; and

RESOLVED, the City of Farmington Hills accept the conditions of a 10-year reverter covenant tying the property to specific public transportation use; and

RESOLVED, the City Manager is hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute, for and on behalf of the City of Farmington Hills and in its name, any and all documents required in connection with the purchase of these properties; and

RESOLVED, that the Board of County Road Commission of the County of Oakland Michigan Municipal Corporation are, and each acting alone is, hereby authorized to do and perform any and all such acts, including execution of any and all documents and certificates, as such officers shall deem necessary or advisable, to carry out the purpose and intent of the foregoing resolution; and

YEAS: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF

NAYS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2018.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of November 12, 2018 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: BRIDGES

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2018.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of November 12, 2018 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: BRIDGES

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Massey adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk