

MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL - COMMUNITY ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 – 6:30PM

The study session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Barnett at 6:04pm.

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, Director Monico, Police Chief King and City Attorney Joppich

**DISCUSSION OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF POLICE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS TRAINING AND ANALYSIS OF POLICE TRANSPARENCY DASHBOARD**

Gary Mekjian, City Manager, stated that this issue was last discussed at the Council's July 25<sup>th</sup> study session meeting at which time Council had comments regarding the following:

- Ongoing costs/potential grant opportunities to fund these efforts
- Need for more data points for the transparency dashboard
- The city maintaining its own data
- Qualifications of the contractor Winbourne being considered for the contract/agreement

City Manager Mekjian stated that Police Chief Jeff King was present to further explain how the data is collected and how the county interacts with CLEMIS to gather the data for the transparency dashboard. This evening staff is seeking Council direction on whether to move forward with all or portions of the analysis outlined and if they wish to move forward, would that be with the suggested vendor Winbourne or do they want staff to seek other Request For Proposals (RFP). He added that staff's recommendation would be to utilize Winbourne for these services if Council determines to move forward as they are more than qualified and have subject matter experts. He added that if the city went out for RFP's, it is likely that Winbourne would be the successful vendor.

Chief King explained the background on the transparency dashboard and how the process works with CLEMIS maintaining the city data, which is then released for the dashboard. He noted that the County offered these services free for the first couple of years, which will expire in another year and the cost would then be approximately \$7,000-8,000 annually for the city to maintain the transparency dashboard.

Council inquired if the data included road demographics such as location, officers involved, time of day, etc. It was confirmed that data points already include those road demographics but the issue is providing for clarify and some context behind the raw data provided.

Kelly Monico, Director of Central Services, explained the scope of Winbourne's proposal that would include suggestions for better data input in order to receive accurate data in return when creating reports. The scope will include a review of traffic patterns, interviewing staff and best practices used across the country. Winbourne has subject matter experts and they also have experience with training.

Discussion was held on involving the Oakland County Sheriff or other County Representative or a representative from CLEMIS to discuss the data with Council and how they could get the data from the system that they are seeking.

Chief King mentioned that the data comes from reports or tickets and someone's race may say "unknown" as that is up to the officer to include and make that determination as they cannot ask someone their race.

Discussion was held on the ability to take into consideration high crime areas and reasons as part of the data collecting, how officers are assigned and how data is collected during a stop.

Council requested that the report from Winbourne is provided so that it is not just their interpretation of the data but allows the city to analyze the data as well.

Director Monico reviewed from Winbourne's proposal the services that they have agreed to provide.

In response to Council, Chief King stated that if Winbourne were to suggest that different questions or data is collected in order to get more accurate reporting, CLEMIS most likely would not have an issue including that data if the request was reasonable.

Discussion was held on the three (3) different phases of the proposal as noted below. Not all members of Council agreed that all three phases were needed.

- Phase 1 – Analysis of Situational Awareness Training Program with a Not-to-Exceed
- Phase 2 – Traffic Stops and Citations Analysis
- Phase 3 – Arrests Analysis

The consensus of Council was to move forward with an agreement with Winbourne at the regular meeting on October 10, 2022 but to allow for a separate vote on each phase by Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The study session meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk