

MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2019 – 7:30PM  
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular session 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 Mondora, Monico and Schnackel and City Attorney Joppich

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Samantha Seimer, EDC Director, led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION TIP OF THE MONTH**

The following Tip of the Month was read by Irvin Moyna, EPC member:

**CITY OF FARMINGTON and FARMINGTON HILLS  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION  
TIP OF THE MONTH  
OCTOBER**

**Goal for October: Power**

We count on electricity for almost everything, heat, food, and medical needs. Many gas appliances also need electricity to run. A power outage is an emergency that often follows another emergency—like a hurricane, tornado, or winter storm. This makes it hard to prepare for and hard to recover from.

**Power Outage Safety**

- Discard food if the temperature in your refrigerator exceeds 40 degrees for more than 2 hours.
- Stay away from downed power lines and anything they are in contact with such as fences or buildings.
- Never drive over downed power lines; they may be energized.
- Never use charcoal or gas grills inside a structure. You may be overcome by carbon monoxide.
- If you must use candles, be sure to use them safely. Never leave candles burning unattended.

### **Flashlights**

Flashlights / Lanterns are the easiest way to provide lighting in an emergency. Make sure that they work and have sufficient battery power. Consider extra batteries.

### **Generators or battery backup power**

Generators are a great resource in a power outage, but must be installed and/or connected properly. Make sure to utilize a licensed electrician in the process for safety.

**Remember: Always run generators outside. Never use a generator inside a house, in a basement, or garage. Never use a cord from a generator to backfeed a circuit in your house.**

<http://do1thing.com/tasks/generator> Resource

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence acknowledged at this time.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, to approve Consent Agenda as read.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

There were no public questions or comments at this time.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Boy Scouts will be at City Hall on Tuesday, October 21st from 6pm – 7pm to review what an elected official does in city government and for a tour of the art in the building
- CARES is offering free food assistance to UAW residents
- Councilmember Bridges commented on his experience at Fire Training 101 held at the OCC campus
- Congratulations to two employees of the city that were to be married.

### **CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

City Manager Boyer provided the following update:

- Prescription Take Back will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm at the Police Department

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2019.**

City Attorney Steve Joppich explained the appeal process. It was noted that the person appealing the denial of this FOIA request was not present.

Attorney Carlito Young mentioned that Council members were provided his opinion letter on the matter. He explained that the person was appealing the denial of a phone number of an individual that had been redacted from information provided to him in response to his FOIA request to the Police Department. He advised Council that personal information is something that is exempt from disclosure per the Act and that particularly due to the circumstances under which the information was being requested, it was his opinion that the Department's actions to redact that information was appropriate.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby affirms the Police Department's redaction and denial of the Reporting Person's phone number in this matter for the following reasons:

- 1) The legal precedent supports redacting an individual's contact information, including that individual's phone number; and
- 2) The other issues raised in the appeal other than the redacted phone number were not part of Mr. Opperthausen's September 16, 2019 FOIA request; therefore, those issues are not subject to review at this time.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE IV, "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COUNCILS," TO ADD DIVISION 11, "WATER SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL." CMR 10-19-94**

Karen Mondora, Director of Public Services, explained that in 2018 the State formally adopted changes to the lead and copper rules for water supply systems that required the establishment of a Water System Advisory Council. Since the Department of Environmental Quality had yet to issue guidance and the Water Resource Commission had expressed interest in a Regional Advisory Council in which all wholesale partner communities could participate the City Council approved the establishment of a Temporary Water System Advisory Council at their December 10, 2018 meeting for a period of one year to ensure compliance until these issues could be clarified. The State has now determined that a regional authority does not fulfill the requirements of the lead and copper rules so staff is before Council this evening to begin the process of establishing a permanent Water System Advisory Council through the proposed ordinance.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Farmington Hills, "Administration," Article IV, "Boards, Commissions, and Councils," to add Division 11, "Water System Advisory Council," as required by the Michigan Administrative Code R 325.10410(7), with respect to water supply systems serving a population of 50,000 for purposes of improving transparency in their communities by developing materials and advising the water system on the public awareness/education efforts.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION BIDS #2 TO VARIOUS CONTRACTORS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$15,235,300. CMR 10-19-95**

Andy Fountain, Owner’s Representative for the project, outlined the work categories contained in bid package #2 and stated that the bid package also included construction manager fees and fees for construction and project contingencies. He explained the bid process and noted that post bid interviews were held. The award recommendation before City Council this evening is within the project budget and work is expected to begin next week. The total bid package proposed is in the amount of \$15,235,330.

Discussion was held on safety practices in the work place including background checks for those working on the site. Councilmember Rich preferred that workers would be required to sign in and then sign out of a job site to ensure everyone is accounted for in the event of a safety issue. She also expressed concern with a specific vendor being recommended for an award of bid.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and Colasanti Construction Services to approve contracts, in the following amounts for the Community Center Renovation Bids #2:

Item	Award Amount	Contractor(s)
Masonry	\$340,820	HMC Mason Contractors, Shelby Twp., MI
Carpentry & Drywall	\$2,057,375	N.A.C.E., St. Clair Sores, MI
Roofing & Siding	\$139,800	TF Beck Company, Rochester Hills, MI
Glass & Glazing	\$436,216	Edwards Glass, Livonia, MI
Specialty Doors	\$63,287	KVM Door, Clinton Twp., MI
Ceramic Tile	\$429,550	Empire Tile, Eastpointe, MI
Flooring Work	\$757,500	Turner Brooks, Madison Hts., MI
Painting & Wallcovering	\$325,200	E.L Painting, Northville, MI
Swimming Pool Work	\$2,501,414	Baruzzini Aquatics, Brighton, MI
Fire Protection	\$653,500	Johnson Controls, Farmington Hills, MI
Mechanical (HVAC)	\$2,511,870	Great Lakes Mechanical, Dearborn, MI
Plumbing	\$902,714	Guideline Mechanical, Clinton Twp., MI
Electrical	\$2,037,705	Serve Electric, Plymouth, MI
Construction Management Services-including Bonds, Insurance and Fee’s	\$741,633	Colasanti Construction Services (utilizing Industrial Fence for Temporary Fencing)
Bid Pack #2 Design & Construction Contingency	\$263,139	Colasanti Construction Services
Project Contingency	\$1,073,607	Allowance
<b>BID PACK #2 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,235,330</b>	

MOTION CARRIED 5-2 (Rich and Steckloff opposed).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS BYLAWS.**

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the bylaws for the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Farmington/Farmington Hills Commission on Children, Youth and Families as submitted to City Council with the City Clerk memo dated October 14, 2019.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED AUTHORIZATION OF STATE TRUNKLINE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT). CMR 10-19-96**

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to designate the Public Works Superintendent as the authorized City representative with regard to the Michigan Department of Transportation's State Trunkline Maintenance Contract #2019-0678.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF BID FOR AS NEEDED ARCHITECTURAL MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND RENOVATION SERVICES WITH ALLIED BUILDING SERVICES FOR ONE (1) YEAR; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 10-19-97**

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve all budgeted purchase orders for as-needed architectural maintenance, repairs and renovations with Allied Building Services for one (1) year and for one (1) additional two (2) year extension option under the same terms and conditions through mutual consent between the City and Allied Building Services.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR LEGAL ADS TO C & G NEWSPAPER (THE FARMINGTON PRESS) IN AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$10,000 PER YEAR; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS.**

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to contract with C & G Newspaper (The Farmington Press) in an annual estimated amount of \$10,000 per year for publishing of legal ads for a period of three (3) years; with

an option to renew on a yearly basis, for up to three (3) additional one (1) year terms upon mutual consent between the City and C & G Newspapers.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT SERVICE TRUCK FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND A FLEET VEHICLE WITH TODD WENZEL BUICK GMC FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$71,411.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) TRUCKS, AND TRUCK AND TRAILER SPECIALTIES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,000 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THE SERVICE TRUCK COMPONENTS. CMR 10-19-98**

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Todd Wenzel Buick GMC for a total of \$71,411 for the purchase of two (2) GMC Sierra pick-up trucks; 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, MI for an amount not to exceed \$23,000 for the purchase and installation of the service truck components.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT FOR STORM WATER RETENTION & DISCHARGE RESTRICTION SYSTEM LOCATED ON TWELVE MILE ROAD IN SECTION 11. CMR 10-19-99**

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve the attached Termination of Agreement for Storm Water Retention and Discharge Restriction System, as legally described therein, a copy of which is attached to the termination.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE ORDER FOR MOLD REMEDIATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FIREARMS RANGE TO MJ WHITE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,960.24. CMR 10-19-100**

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the purchase order to MJ White, for emergency mold remediation and reconstruction of the Farmington Hills Police Department Firearms Range, in the amount of \$49,960.24.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CODE.**

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Code for Erin Welch as a Full-Time Dispatcher for the Police Department. Erin Welch is the mother of Brenna Hogue who is a Police Service Aide in the Police Department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT IN THE SPECIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CODE.**

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the continued employment under Section 10.01A of the City Code for William Wright, full time Superintendent of Parks & Golf and Tricia Edick, part-time Building Assistant, both in the Special Services Department, who intend to marry on October 26, 2019.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2019.**

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular session meeting minutes of September 23, 2019, as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The City Attorney's report was received by City Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Massey adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk