

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER
AUGUST 14, 2023 – 7:30 PM

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Barnett at 7:32pm.

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

Council Members Absent: Bridges

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, Deputy City Clerk Lindahl, Assistant City Manager Valentine, Directors Aranowski, Brown, Kettler-Schmult, Mondora, Schnackel and Skrobola, Fire Chief Unruh and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barnett led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

- Emails received regarding the joint meeting with Farmington Public Schools
- Emails received regarding landscaping issues at a water main project site

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRUCE, KNOL, MASSEY AND NEWLIN

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Pam Gerald, resident, thanked Police Chief King and Councilmembers for attending a town hall meeting on gun violence at the Southfield Pavilion on July 31st where they listened to the public speak on how to reduce gun violence. She added that there will be a series of townhall meetings forthcoming.

Angie Smith, resident and School Board Member, thanked City Council and administration for attending the meeting with Farmington Public Schools and apologized for the format of the meeting.

She commented on how important the cooperation between the city and schools is and how it is crucial to the success of the community.

Mikki Godfrey, resident, expressed concerns with the zoning department on recent code violations she had received and issues she was having with the process in which to file an application for a variance with the City.

Mayor Barnett asked Director Kettler-Schmult to speak with the resident and requested that city staff update council on this issue.

Phil Mintz, resident, thanked Director Brown for the update on the job application he submitted with the city, however, he expressed frustration and concern with how long it took the city to respond to his applications for jobs that had immediate openings.

Iskcon Temple members invited City Council, staff and residents to their two upcoming events: Community Color Festival on August 26th and annual festival September 6th through the 10th.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following Councilmember comments or announcements were made:

- Congratulations to Rachel Timlin on being selected for the Michigan Arts and Culture Council Rising Leaders program.
- Thank you to Assistant City Manager Valentine for his service to the city and congratulations on his new position.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Mekjian provided an update on the following:

- City Open House will be held on October 8th from Noon – 3:00pm
- The Police Department has added a “What to do when stopped by the Police” to the city’s website.
- Recognized Assistant City Manager Valentine for his professionalism, friendship and service to the residents of the city.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESCHEDULING THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 TO SEPTEMBER 18, 2023.

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby reschedules the regular City Council meeting of September 25, 2023 to September 18, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF CHEMICALS FOR POOLS AND SPLASH PAD TO TOWN AND COUNTRY POOLS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000. CMR 8-23-93

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby waives the sealed bid process & authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for purchasing sole source bulk liquid chemicals for pools and splash pads to Town and Country Pools, Inc, in the amount of \$20,000.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR NEW PATROL RIFLE SYSTEMS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ACME SPORTS INC. IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$409,000. CMR 8-23-94

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Acme Sports Inc. in the estimated amount of \$409,000.00. Funding for this purchase is covered under the 2023-2024 CIP Budget.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR THE 2023 PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM TO PK CONTRACTING, LLC IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$370,000 PER YEAR, WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 8-23-95

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve the required contract and purchase orders to PK Contracting, LLC for the 2023 Pavement Marking Program in the amount not-to-exceed \$370,000 per year with one or more administration approved extensions not-to-exceed a total of four (4) additional years.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL PURCHASE OF FLEET VEHICLES WITH LUNGHAMER FORD FOR FOUR VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$181,734, BERGER CHEVROLET FOR

TWO VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,992, AND TODD WENZEL BUICK GMC FOR SEVEN VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$309,274. CMR 8-23-96

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorize the City Manager to issue purchase order(s) as follows:

- 1) To Lunghamer Ford for four (4) vehicles in the amount of \$181,734
- 2) To Berger Chevrolet for two (2) vehicles in the amount of \$73,992
- 3) To Todd Wenzel Buick GMC for seven (7) vehicles in the amount of \$309,274

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR OF 1ST FLOOR PLUMBING AT THE HAWK TO GUARDIAN PLUMBING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,000. CMR 8-23-97

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes payment to Guardian Plumbing, for emergency repairs of the 1st floor plumbing issue at The Hawk, in the amount of \$24,000 (\$19,765 plus an estimated \$4,235 for additional replacement costs which will not be known until the pipe is excavated).

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF ANNUAL TESTING FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT APPARATUS TO NATIONAL HOSE TESTING SPECIALTIES IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$13,000 FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024. CMR 8-23-98

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve all budgeted purchase orders for the purpose of testing the Fire Department apparatus to National Hose Testing Specialties located in Grand Rapids, Michigan in the estimate annual amount of \$13,000.00 for the fiscal years 2023 and 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH TECHNICAL PROFESSIONAL AND OFFICEWORKERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN (TPOAM). CMR 8-23-99

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager to execute a new agreement with Technical Professional and Officeworkers Association of Michigan (TPOAM), in accordance with the terms and conditions in the Tentative Settlement Agreement ratified by the parties and outlined herein, being City Manager's Report dated August 14, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE 2024 AUTO THEFT PREVENTION ACT (ATPA) SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY. CMR 8-23-100

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City to execute the Oakland County Auto Theft Program Subrecipient Agreement and any associated documents or agreements.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID AUDIT WITH DIGITECH COMPUTER LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000. CMR 8-23-101

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign an agreement and approve a purchase order with Digitech Computer LLC, to provide Consulting Services to manage the GADCS reporting process for the City of Farmington Hills, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER TM-108-2023 TO PROHIBIT LEFT TURNS FROM EASTBOUND 10 MILE ROAD TO NORTHBOUND RAPHAEL ROAD. CMR 8-23-102

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts Traffic Control Order TM-108-2023 which prohibits left turns from eastbound 10 Mile Road to northbound Raphael Road from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and from 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on school days only.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE ISKON TEMPLE COMMUNITY COLOR FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2023.

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for the Iskcon Temple Community Color Festival of to be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 4:00pm to 10:00pm, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- There shall be no parking within 20' of any tent and the west drive shall remain clear from Grand River to Lochdale for emergency vehicles
- Egress from the facility shall not be restricted
- Fire lanes shall not be blocked or restricted
 - a. Temporary "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" signs shall be put up along Lochdale and Independence Office Drive on 8/26/23
- Cooking/open flame devices shall not be used under tents
- Proponent must contact Fire Prevention to schedule an inspection prior to beginning the event
- Event shall comply with minimum Fire Prevention requirements
- The applicant is expecting 500 people to attend the event which will be open to the general public
- All three entrances will be open for emergency vehicles in case the need arises
- The applicant has not asked for assistance from the Police Department at this time
- Iskcon Temple has received permission from Middela LLC to use their two parking lots for visitors

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE ISKON TEMPLE ANNUAL FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023.

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for the Iskcon Temple Annual Festival of the birth of Lord

Krishna to be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 through Sunday, September 10, 2023 from 2:00pm to 10:00pm, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- There shall be no parking within 20' of any tent and the west drive shall remain clear from Grand River to Lochdale for emergency vehicles
- Egress from the facility shall not be restricted
- Fire lanes shall not be blocked or restricted
 - a. Temporary "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" signs shall be put up along Lochdale and Independence Office Drive from 9/6/23 to 9/10/23
- Cooking/open flame devices shall not be used under tents
- Proponent must contact Fire Prevention to schedule an inspection prior to beginning the event
- Event shall comply with minimum Fire Prevention requirements
- A certification letter from the supplier or an electrical permit with final inspection is required
- There will be a stage setup for live music and the applicant was advised about loud music local ordinance
- The applicant is expecting 500 people to attend the event which will be open to the public
- The applicant has not asked for assistance from the Police Department
- Iskcon Temple has received permission from Middela LLC to use their two parking lots for visitors

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRUCE, KNOL, MASSEY AND NEWLIN

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CHARTER FOR A THEATRE AV TECH ASSISTANT.

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Charter for Aidan Hawkins as a Theatre AV Tech Assistant in the Special Services Department. Aidan is the son of Lindsay Janoch who is employed in the Cultural Arts Division of the Special Services Department.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRUCE, KNOL, MASSEY AND NEWLIN

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CHARTER FOR A HAWK'S NEST AIDE.

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Charter for Nylah

Stringfellow as a Hawk's Nest Aide in the Special Services Department. Nylah is the daughter of Shontae Stringfellow who is employed in the Treasury Division of the Finance Department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2023.

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of July 24, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2023.

MOTION by Boleware, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular session meeting minutes of July 24, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 8:03pm.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk