

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
MAY 22, 2017 – 7:30 PM  
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Massey at 7:32 p.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 Gardiner, Monico and Randle, Fire Chief Unruh, City Attorney Joppich and Planning Consultant Arroyo

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Anna Cassar, Farmington SAFE member, led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**COMMISSION FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY TIP OF THE MONTH**

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

**Commission for Energy and Environmental Sustainability  
Tip of the Month**

The dog days of summer are fast approaching; prepare your household before it's too late.

Here are some tips and tricks to save energy this summer:

Energy.gov suggests

1. Install a programmable thermostat and set it for a warmer temperature during the day and while you sleep at night.
2. Check your air conditioner's filters, clean or replace them as necessary.
3. During the day when the sun is shining the brightest, close the blinds to reduce the heat from the sun.
4. When buying new cooling equipment choose energy-efficient products.
5. To decrease energy use during the day, send your kids to Farmington Hills Special Services Unplugged Camps.

For more information on Farmington Hills Unplugged Summer Camps, visit fhgov.com. Check sustainablefh.com for more energy saving tips.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE, 2017 AS GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH AND THE GREAT FARMINGTON HILLS CAMPOUT ON JUNE 3-4, 2017**

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Knol and accepted by Bryan Farmer, Deputy Director of Special Services:

**PROCLAMATION  
Great Outdoors Month and  
The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Farmington Hills Campout  
June 3 – 4, 2017**

**WHEREAS,** June has been declared Great Outdoors Month and all Americans are encouraged to observe this month by spending time outside being active rather than inside being sedentary; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Farmington Hills takes pride in our many programs that bring families together, promote a love of the outdoors, and encourage a sense of stewardship for the environment; and

**WHEREAS,** the Great Farmington Hills Campout will take place during the weekend of June 3 – 4, 2017 in beautiful Heritage Park and also in backyards at homes throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS,** now in its eleventh year, the Great Farmington Hills Campout inspires residents to celebrate the great outdoors, enjoy the health benefits of open-air recreation, and create a memorable family experience while camping, hiking, and singing around the campfire; and

**WHEREAS,** all across our country during June, families will head to local recreation areas to celebrate the splendor of our nation's varied landscapes, scenic parks, and magnificent wildlife habitats.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby encourage our citizens to celebrate our City's natural resources, including our neighborhood parks and woodlands, during **Great Outdoors Month** and to spend time enjoying the great outdoors by taking part in the **Great Farmington Hills Campout** on June 3 – 4, 2017.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2, 2017 AS NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Bruce and accepted by Assistance Police Chief Ciaramitaro:

**PROCLAMATION  
National Gun Violence Awareness Day  
June 2, 2017**

***Recognizing Gun Safety Initiatives in Farmington Hills***

**WHEREAS,** June 2 has been declared as National Gun Violence Awareness Day to honor and remember victims and survivors of gun violence; and

**WHEREAS,** gun safety and firearms security are issues of great concern in the City of Farmington Hills and our Police Department encourages all gun owners to properly secure their firearms and store them in areas that are not accessible to children; and

**WHEREAS,** any adult resident of Farmington Hills may obtain a free gun lock from the Police Department's front lobby Command Desk, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year through the county-wide Gun Safety Lock Give-Away Program; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Farmington Hills encourages responsible gun ownership and complies with State legislation, which requires all handguns to be registered with a Police Department; and

**WHEREAS,** protecting public safety also includes acknowledging that mental illness is a strong component of gun violence and we encourage those with violent or suicidal thoughts to seek help and support through resources such as Farmington SAFE (Suicide Awareness for Everyone).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2017 as **National Gun Violence Awareness Day** in the City of Farmington Hills and call upon our citizens to take steps to reduce gun violence in order to save lives and increase public safety, and to help de-stigmatize mental health issues so that people will seek help rather than turning to violence and inflicting harm on innocent members of society.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

- Email from Greencastle resident regarding the condition of their lawns
- Email from residents regarding coyotes in the area

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Steckloff, to approve the Consent Agenda items #8-13 as published.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Steckloff, to approve the Consent Agenda item #14 as published.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Steckloff, to approve the Consent Agenda items #15-17 as published.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: BRIDGES AND BRUCE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0-2.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Linda Larsen and Anna Cassar, representing Moms Demand Action, thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation recognizing gun violence prevention day. Ms. Larsen provided statistics regarding gun violence and spoke of the efforts of Moms Demand Action.

Jill McRoberts and Kelly Walker, President and Vice President of the Farmington Transportation Association, mentioned some of the association activities that included a Euchre fundraiser on April 28<sup>th</sup>. She stated that they chose Farmington SAFE as the recipient of the proceeds and presented Mayor Massey, on behalf of the FTA, with a check for \$869 for Farmington SAFE.

Kris Lamb, resident of Detroit Baptist Manor, thanked the Fire Department for their efforts in putting out the fire at Baptist Manor and for their assistance with not only getting the residents out of the buildings but for obtaining their medications and saving their pets.

Dan McRoberts, Greencastle, provided an update on the restoration of the yards for Greencastle residents following the installation of water main and new wells in the area. He stated that restoration is ongoing but not much has been done to date and many residents have resorted to restoring their yards themselves. He noted that some homes are still having water issues and there has been a need for filters to be used more frequently due to sediment, etc. He urged for the rest of the water main to be installed as soon as possible.

Mayor Massey confirmed that Mayor and Council have all received the email regarding the condition of the yards in Greencastle as mentioned by Councilmember Steckloff earlier and he has already heard from Commissioner Dwyer on the issue.

City Manager Boyer stated that the water main installation for the remainder of the subdivision will take a little longer than the portion that was done on an emergency basis. Per the agreement, the city has to go out to bid for the project. The goal is to start and complete the project this fall.

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

The following events were acknowledged:

- Relay for Life held May 20, 2017
- Rouge River Clean-Up held May 20, 2017
- Farmington SAFE/Grant E. Smith Memorial fundraiser to be held on June 14, 2017 at Grand Tavern from 5pm-9pm

### **CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

City Manager Boyer provided the following update:

- 13 Mile Road is now open

- He noted that there was another fire at the Retreat Apartments and thanked the Fire Department for their efforts on both this fire and the Baptist Manor fire.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-4-2017 TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE IV, "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS," FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING, UPDATING AND COORDINATING GOVERNING ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY'S EXISTING BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY HEALTH COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS; AND SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.**

City Attorney Joppich indicated that the ordinance was introduced at the last meeting and if enacted tonight, there is a list of follow-up items to complete, some of which may come back to City Council.

Councilmember Steckloff mentioned that City Council has been working on this ordinance for about a year and a half. She thanked staff for all of their hard work and was excited that the ordinance included the creation of a new Community Health Commission that will allow the city to have a means for communication with community members, hospitals, etc., to improve upon existing programs.

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-4-2017 to amend the Code of the City of Farmington Hills, Chapter 2, "Administration," Article IV, "Boards, Commissions and Councils," for the purpose of creating, updating and coordinating governing ordinances for the City's existing Boards and Commissions and including the establishment of a Community Health Commission for the City of Farmington Hills; and summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Councilmember Steckloff added that the Community Health Commission is the first of its kind in the state.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AN 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 Paul Sewick to fill an unexpired term on the Historic District Commission with a term ending February 1, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 "ANIMALS," ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, BY ADDING SECTION 6-11, "DEER FEEDING – PROHIBITED," AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, "GENERAL PROVISIONS," SECTION 1-25, "DESIGNATION OF**

**CIVIL INFRACTIONS,” TO DESIGNATE A VIOLATION OF SECTIONS 6-10 AND 6-11 AS CIVIL INFRACTIONS. CMR 5-17-48**

Mayor Massey explained that it had come to the attention of Council that there was a concern with the number of deer in the community and it was shown that feeding the deer exacerbated this issue. He noted that City Council discussed this at a study session and wanted to do what they could to address it.

City Attorney Joppich explained that the ordinance included exceptions that applied to certain officials acting in the course of their duties, permits issued by the DNR or persons feeding domestic animals or wild birds by using a bird feeder. He noted that the ordinance was drafted to designate any violation as a civil infraction per City Council discussion.

City Manager Boyer added that the city has been working with the DNR to conduct surveys and track the deer and number of vehicle/deer accidents within the community. He noted that this is a regional issue and stated that deer have enough natural food and there is no need for residents to supplement that.

Councilmember Rich mentioned that feeding pigeons was previously designated as a misdemeanor and it is her understanding that this ordinance would also change that to a civil infraction. Attorney Joppich confirmed that was the case.

Councilmember Knol commented that this is also an issue with regard to the health of the deer and other wildlife as disease can be spread by the gathering of wildlife and they become dependent on people.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an Ordinance amending Chapter 6 “Animals,” Article I of the Code of the City of Farmington Hills, by adding Section 6-11, “Deer Feeding – Prohibited,” and to amend Chapter 1, “General Provisions,” Section 1-25, “Designation of Civil Infractions,” to designate a violation of Sections 6-10 and 6-11 as Civil Infractions.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDED AUTHORIZATION OF PURCHASE FOR LONGACRE HOUSE CANOPY WITH MARYGROVE AWNING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,587.00. CMR 5-17-49**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve the purchase of a canopy for the Longacre House with Marygrove Awning in the amount of \$12,587.00.

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 PROPOSAL FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES TO ST. JOHN PROVIDENCE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PARTNERS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS; WITH POSSIBLE RENEWAL. CMR 5-17-50**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with St. John Providence Occupational Health Partners for Occupational Health Services for a period of two (2) years with an option to renew in two (2) year increments upon mutual agreement between the City and St. John Providence.

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 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR THE FARMINGTON HILLS FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION/IAFF LOCAL 2659. CMR 5-17-51**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and the Director of Human Resources to execute a new agreement with the Farmington Hills Fire Fighters Association/IAFF Local 2659, in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined herein, being City Manager's Report dated May 22, 2017.

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 THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR VISION PLAN FOR INCLUSION IN THE CITY'S MASTER PLAN FOR FUTURE LAND USE.**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the distribution of the Grand River Corridor Vision Plan to the appropriate reviewing bodies notifying them of the proposed amendment to the Master Plan to include the Grand River Corridor Vision Plan as a sub-plan in order to seek their input prior to a Planning Commission public hearing being held on the matter.

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 EXTENSION OF BID AWARD FOR CARPET & EXERCISE ROOM FLOORING FOR FIRE STATION 1, 2 & 4 WITH INTERIOR IMAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,998.39. CMR 5-17-52**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby waives the formal bid requirements and authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Interior Image for carpeting and exercise room flooring in the amount of \$50,998.39 in accordance with all terms and conditions set forth in the 2016 bid for Carpet & Exercise Room Flooring for Fire Station #5.

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 VARIOUS REQUESTS FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CODE.**

MOTION by Bruce, 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 Austin Bruckman as a Seasonal Parks Laborer in the Special Services Department. Austin Bruckman is the son of Jane Bruckman who works in the Senior Division of the Special Services Department.

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 Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Code for Nathaniel Johnson as a Seasonal Parks Laborer in the Special Services Department. Nathaniel Johnson is the brother of Austin Johnson who works in the Engineering Division of the Public Services Department.

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 Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Code for Jennifer Della Mora for Heritage Park Concessions in the Special Services Department. Jennifer Della Mora is the sister of Matthew Della Mora who works for the Costick Center Pool in the Special Services Department.



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 Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Code for Justin Walsh for Heritage Park Concessions in the Special Services Department. Justin Walsh is the son of David Walsh who works for the Farmington Hills court system.

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 CITY COUNCIL BUDGET STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2017.**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the budget study session meeting minutes of May 4, 2017 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2017.**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the budget study session meeting minutes of May 8, 2017 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0-2.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2017.**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of May 8, 2017 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0-2.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL BUDGET STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2017.**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the budget study session meeting minutes of May 10, 2017 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0-2.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk