

MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER  
MARCH 4, 2024 – 7:30 PM

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Rich at 7:38pm.

Council Members Present: Aldred, Boleware, Bridges, Bruce, Dwyer, Knol and Rich

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, City Clerk Lindahl, Assistant City Manager Mondora, Directors Aranowski, Kettler-Schmult and Skrobola, Police Chief King, and City Attorney Joppich

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Brad Heap led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA**

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 2023 ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION**

The Historic District Commission Annual report was provided by the chair, Marleen Tulas.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence received.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

The following public comments/questions were made:

Mike Sweeney provided the Emergency Preparedness Tip of the Month.

Jason Tueni, resident, had questions regarding Councils plan to allow the sale cannabis in the city.

Angie Smith spoke about a situation regarding an event with the State Representatives and members of the African American community.

Stacy Jackson, of All Race and Life Matter, spoke about situations of racism in the schools.

Keith Harris, of All Race and Life Matter, stated that this community is dealing with issues, and he does not want to see the community racially divided. He spoke highly of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

Members of the public addressed City Council relative to the ongoing conflict in Gaza and requested that Council issue a resolution calling for a ceasefire in Gaza.

Speakers who signed up in advance included:

Sarah Pitchford  
Stacy Kile  
Dr. Sophie Alim  
Halima Halilovic  
Muhammed Halilovic  
Pastor Dale Milford  
Suhair Ghannam  
Melina Peratsakis  
Alexandria Peratsakis  
Hussnia Peratsakis  
Jennah Peratsakis  
Pete Peratsakis  
Erik Shelley  
Rabia Nakadar  
Elouise Simeaf  
Ember Thompson

J.K., resident, spoke of the pressure that council is getting from the community and that it is not the council's responsibility to take a side and divide the city in half.

Pam Gerald, resident, stated that nothing comes from violence, and just because people do not agree, that is not a reason for harassment.

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

Mayor Rich stated that her focus remains on City business, but she is supportive of the Muslim community by way of meeting with the Arab American Chamber of Commerce to discuss how they can bring more business to the community to support residents and business owners, scheduling a swim and gym time for sisters only and appointing Muslim members of the community to boards and commissions.

She mentioned that the State of the Cities address will take place on Wednesday at The Hawk.

### **CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

The City Manager Mekjian provided an update on the following:

- SiFi work continues in parts of the city
- Yard Waste will begin the first week of April
- On the Clock NFL Draft event will be held at The Hawk, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN 2024/25-2029/30.**

Charmaine Kettler-Schmult, Director of Planning and Community Development, explained that before City Council is the Capital Improvements Plan that is a planning document used to effectively plan capital improvement projects over the term of the plan and feeds to the budget document. The Planning Commission adopted the plan at their meeting of February 15, 2024.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby accepts the 2024/2025 – 2029/2030 Capital Improvements Plan.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS ESTABLISHING AD-HOC SUB-COMMITTEES.**

Mayor Rich explained that these subcommittees were part of the discussion during City Councils goals session with the purpose of moving their goals for 2024 forward sooner.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FARMINGTON HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT  
AD-HOC SUB-COMMITTEE**

RESOLUTION NO. R-38-24

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held on March 4, 2024, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, with those present and absent being,

PRESENT: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH  
ABSENT: NONE

the following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilmember Bridges and supported by Councilmember Boleware:

WHEREAS, at its Study Session on February 5, 2024, the Farmington Hills City Council discussed the establishment of an ad hoc temporary workgroup sub-committee consisting of up to three Councilmembers for purposes of researching, studying, drafting, and otherwise assisting City Council in its consideration and possible adoption of a City of Farmington Hills mission and vision statement; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to proceed with establishing such a sub-committee at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills as follows:

- 1) The Farmington Hills City Council Mission and Vision Statement Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee (“Mission and Vision Statement Sub-Committee”) is established for the purposes of researching, studying, and

preparing a draft City of Farmington Hills mission and vision statement, or alternative draft statements, for consideration and possible adoption by City Council. The Mission and Vision Statement Sub-Committee is not to vote on or make any decisions or commitments as to such matters.

- 2) Mayor Rich and Councilmember Bridges are appointed to the Mission and Vision Statement Sub-Committee.
- 3) The City Manager shall designate members of City staff with knowledge and information relevant to the above-stated purpose and objectives to attend meetings of the Mission and Vision Statement Sub-Committee and otherwise assist in its efforts. The City Clerk and City Attorney shall also attend meetings and provide information and assistance to the Mission and Vision Statement Sub-Committee upon its request.
- 4) Upon completing its above-stated purpose and objectives, and at any other time City Council requests or members of the subcommittee desire, the Mission and Vision Statement Sub-Committee shall report its progress and results to City Council.
- 3) The Mission and Vision Statement Sub-Committee shall meet as necessary to complete its tasks within the time frame established under this resolution. The Mission and Vision Statement Sub-Committee shall, with the assistance of the City Administration, keep a record of its meetings, information, and efforts.
- 4) The Mission and Vision Statement Sub-Committee shall expire 24 months/2 years from the date of adoption of this Resolution, unless its term is extended by City Council.
- 5) Pursuant to City Code Section 2-128, the provisions of City Code, Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 1 shall not apply to the Mission and Vision Statement Sub-Committee.

AYES: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH

NAYES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED MARCH 4, 2024.

STATE OF MICHIGAN            )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND        )

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FARMINGTON HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH  
AD-HOC SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. R-39-24

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held on March 4, 2024, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, with those present and absent being,

PRESENT: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH  
ABSENT: NONE

the following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilmember Boleware and supported by Councilmember Bridges:

WHEREAS, at its Study Session on February 5, 2024, the Farmington Hills City Council discussed the establishment of an ad hoc temporary workgroup sub-committee consisting of up to three Councilmembers for purposes of researching, studying, gathering information, exploring possible City-sponsored symposiums, and communicating with the City of Farmington and Farmington Public Schools regarding mental health issues affecting residents, City employees, and others in the City of Farmington Hills; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to proceed with establishing such a sub-committee at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills as follows:

- 1) The Farmington Hills City Council Community Mental Health Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee (“Community Mental Health Sub-Committee”) is established for the purposes of: (1) researching, studying, and gathering information relating to mental health issues affecting residents, City employees, and others in the City of Farmington Hills; (2) exploring and identifying concepts for one or more mental health symposiums that would be open to the public in the City (or cities) regarding such issues; and (3) communicating with and gathering information from the City of Farmington and Farmington Public Schools regarding such issues and symposium(s). The Community Mental Health Sub-Committee is not to vote on or make any decisions or commitments as to such matters.
- 2) Mayor Rich and Councilmember Boleware are appointed to the Community Mental Health Sub-Committee.
- 3) The City Manager shall designate members of City staff with knowledge and information relevant to the above-stated purpose and objectives to attend meetings of the Community Mental Health Sub-Committee and otherwise assist in its efforts. The City Clerk and City Attorney shall also attend meetings and provide information and assistance to the Community Mental Health Sub-Committee upon its request.
- 4) Upon completing its above-stated purpose and objectives, and at any other time City Council requests or members of the subcommittee desire, the Community Mental Health Sub-Committee shall report its progress and results to City Council.
- 5) The Community Mental Health Sub-Committee shall meet as necessary to complete its tasks within the time frame established under this resolution. The Community Mental Health Sub-Committee shall, with the assistance of the City Administration, keep a record of its meetings, information, and efforts.

- 6) The Community Mental Health Sub-Committee shall expire 24 months/2 years from the date of adoption of this Resolution, unless its term is extended by City Council.
- 7) Pursuant to City Code Section 2-128, the provisions of City Code, Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 1 shall not apply to the Community Mental Health Sub-Committee.

AYES: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH  
NAYES: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED MARCH 4, 2024.

STATE OF MICHIGAN            )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND        )

Councilmember Knol stated that the City should reach out to SAFE and possibly collaborate on some ideas.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FARMINGTON HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL INNOVATION, ENERGY, AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AD-HOC SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO. R-37-24

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held on March 4, 2024, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, with those present and absent being,

PRESENT: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL, AND RICH  
ABSENT: NONE

the following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilmember Aldred and supported by Councilmember Boleware:

WHEREAS, at its Study Session on February 5, 2024, the Farmington Hills City Council discussed the establishment of an ad hoc temporary sub-committee consisting of up to three Councilmembers for purposes of studying and gathering information to assist Council in determining whether to re-instate a permanent committee relating to innovation, energy, and/or environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to proceed with establishing such a sub-committee at this time.



Boards and Commissions:

**Beautification Commission**

Dr. Robert Levine	<b>Length of Term:</b> Unexpired Term	<b>Term ending:</b> February 1, 2025
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Dr. Levine, who currently serves as an alternate will now fill the regular vacancy left by Katherine Massey who resigned December 2023.

JoAnn Rowland	<b>Length of Term:</b> Unexpired Term	<b>Term ending:</b> February 1, 2025
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JoAnn will fill the regular vacancy left by Sherry Jones who resigned.

**Historical Commission**

Joe Derek	<b>Length of Term:</b> 3 years	<b>Term ending:</b> February 1, 2027
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Joe will fill the regular vacancy left by Michael Mathis who resigned May 2022.

**Water Systems Advisory Council**

Joseph Del Morone	<b>Length of Term:</b> Unexpired Term	<b>Term ending:</b> February 1, 2025
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Joseph will fill the regular vacancy left by Mike Pucher who resigned February 2024.

**Commission on Community Health**

Farah Khan	<b>Length of Term:</b> 3 years	<b>Term ending:</b> February 1, 2027
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Farah will fill the regular vacancy left by Jeanette Carney who resigned.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF REVISED ENGINEERING DESIGN STANDARDS FOR SITE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT. CMR 3-24-16**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts the revisions to Engineering Design Standards for Site Development and Redevelopment.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2023.**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby



accepts the Planning Commission 2023 Annual Report.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF MOTOROLA MOBILE RADIOS AND ACCESSORIES TO MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,988.17. CMR 3-24-17**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Motorola Solutions Inc. for two (2) Mobile Radio and accessories in the amount of \$16,988.17.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2024 LOCAL ROADS ASPHALT REHABILITATION PROJECT – RAMBLE HILLS AND WINDWOOD POINTE SUBDIVISIONS TO NAGLE PAVING COMPANY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,493,399.43. CMR 3-24-18**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the award of the 2024 Local Roads Asphalt Rehabilitation Project – Ramble Hills and Windwood Pointe Subdivisions to the lowest competent bidder, Nagle Paving Company, in the amount of \$1,493,399.43, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 11 MILE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FROM FARMINGTON ROAD TO ORCHARD LAKE ROAD TO SPRINGLINE EXCAVATING LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,444,990.96. CMR 3-24-19**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the award of the 11 Mile Road Reconstruction Project from Farmington Road to Orchard Lake Road to the lowest competent bidder, Springline Excavating LLC, in the amount of \$4,444,990.96; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE HERITAGE HILLS AND WEDGWOOD COMMONS SUBDIVISION ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, PHASE IV TO FLORENCE CEMENT COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,072,964.30. CMR 3-24-20**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the award of the Heritage Hills and Wedgwood Common Subdivision Road Reconstruction Project, Phase IV to Florence Cement Company in the amount of \$6,072,964.30.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE FARMINGTON FREEWAY INDUSTRIAL PARK RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT - PHASE 3 TO HARD ROCK CONCRETE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,464,121.46. CMR 3-24-21**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the award of the Farmington Freeway Industrial Park Phase 3 – Industrial Park Drive and Industrial Park Court Reconstruction Project to the lowest competent bidder, Hard Rock Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$3,464,121.46; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE MUER COVE AND MIRLON, SOUTH OF THE MINNOW POND DRAIN, GRAVEL ROAD CONVERSION PROJECT TO SPRINGLINE EXCAVATING LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$858,635.15. CMR 3-24-22**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the award of the Muer Cove and Mirlon, South of the Minnow Pond Drain, Gravel Road Conversion Project to the lowest competent bidder, Springline Excavating LLC, in the amount of \$858,635.15; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2024.**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of February 5, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2024.**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular session meeting minutes of February 5, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2024.**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of February 12, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2024.**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular session meeting minutes of February 12, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

The attorney's report was received.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS AN EMPLOYEE REQUESTED REVIEW FOR GARY MEKJIAN, CITY MANAGER. (NOTE: COUNCIL WILL RETURN TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CLOSED SESSION TO TAKE ACTION IF NEEDED AND TO CLOSE THE MEETING).**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering into a closed session to discuss an employee requested review for Gary Mekjian, City Manager.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**Council entered back into regular session immediately following the closed session at 11:22pm.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Aldred, support by Dwyer, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 11:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk