

MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER  
MAY 9, 2022 – 7:30 PM

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Barnett at 7:37pm.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Valentine, Directors Kettler-Schmult and Schnackel, Police Chief King 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 7-0.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 15-21, 2022 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

The following Proclamation was read by Council Member Bridges and accepted by DPW Superintendent, Kevin McCarthy:

**PROCLAMATION  
National Public Works Week  
May 15 – 21, 2022  
“Ready and Resilient”**

**WHEREAS,** public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and successful communities such as the City of Farmington Hills; and

**WHEREAS,** National Public Works Week recognizes the men and women who provide and maintain the services collectively known as public works, which are an integral part of the health, safety, high quality of life, and well-being in the everyday lives of Farmington Hills residents; and

**WHEREAS,** the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water supply, sanitary sewers, roadways, public buildings and properties, signage, traffic control, and solid waste collection and recycling; and

**WHEREAS,** the health, safety, and comfort of this community all depend upon the effectiveness of public works programs and the vital contributions and daily service of the dedicated and hard-working professionals of the City’s Public Services Department and the Division of Public Works; and

**WHEREAS,** this year's theme, "Ready and Resilient," showcases the superheroes that lie within each and every public works professional - always **READY** to serve their communities, and **RESILIENT** as ever in their abilities to pick themselves up and rise to the occasion after encountering challenges; and

**WHEREAS,** National Public Works Week was instituted by the American Public Works Association as a public education campaign designed to call attention to the importance of public works in the lives of present and future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Vicki Barnett, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 15 – 21, 2022 as **National Public Works Week** in the City of Farmington Hills and call upon all citizens to recognize and acknowledge the vital services provided daily by the City's public works professionals to maintain the high quality of life in Farmington Hills.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 15-21, 2022 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK**

The following Proclamation was read by Council Member Massey and accepted by Police Officer Kent Schooley:

**PROCLAMATION  
National Police Week  
May 15 - 21, 2022**

**WHEREAS,** Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police Week; and

**WHEREAS,** National Police Week honors all law enforcement officers, and Peace Officers Memorial Day pays homage to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or became disabled in the performance of duty and also pays tribute to the survivors of these fallen heroes; and

**WHEREAS,** we honor the men and women of the Farmington Hills Police Department, along with their community partners, and commend them on their impressive accomplishments in reducing crime in our community; and

**WHEREAS,** the Farmington Hills Police Department achieved reaccreditation from the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, becoming one of only eight Michigan police agencies to have attained this status and currently the largest agency to achieve this prestigious accomplishment; and

**WHEREAS,** it is vital that our citizens know that Farmington Hills police officers are committed to practicing 21st century policing, encouraging positive community connections, and delivering superior services without prejudice or partiality; and

**WHEREAS,** we are grateful to the members of our Police Department and to the community, whose partnership helps Farmington Hills continue to be rated as one of the safest communities to live in the state and country each year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Vicki Barnett, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 15 – 21, 2022 as **National Police Week** and call upon the citizens of Farmington Hills to join in recognizing our Farmington Hills police officers, dispatchers, and civilian support staff, and in honoring all the dedicated professional law enforcement personnel across our country who preserve the safety and security of our communities.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Councilmembers acknowledged the following correspondence received:

- Emails regarding construction on Orchard Lake Road
- Acknowledged the Master Plan Citizen Survey on the city website

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, to approve consent agenda items #9 – #12, as read.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION by Knol, support by Boleware, to approve consent agenda item #13, as read.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

There were no items pulled for discussion.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

The following persons spoke on the Costick Center activities, particularly the pool and swim programs and urged City Council to maintain that facility for seniors in the community:

- Pamela Santo  
Jeanne Bisanz  
Linda Bodzin  
Jenny Pike

**COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council Member made the following comments and/or announcements:

- Agreed that the Costick Center is a great facility for the resident seniors and that the swim program is like a family and they appreciate the comments
- Urging people to watch out for bike riders and to watch their speed to keep everyone safe this summer

**CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

City Manager Mekjian made the following comments:

- Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> is Rouge River Day at Heritage Park
- Memorial Day Parade and events, sponsored by Groves Walker American Legion Post 346 in conjunction with the Exemplar Club, will be Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>
- The one year anniversary facility dedication for the HAWK is June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- Carly Lindahl, Deputy Clerk, earned her second level MiPMC (Michigan Professional Municipal Clerk) certification

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-2-2022 TO AMEND CITY CODE, CHAPTER 34, "ZONING," AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF FAMILY; ADD NEW DEFINITIONS FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION AND SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION RESIDENCE; ADD A NEW SECTION 34-4.60, STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION USE; AND APPROVAL OF SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.**

Charmaine Kettler-Schmult, Interim Director of Planning and Community Development, reported that City Council introduced the ordinance amendment for the City Code to amend the definition of family. A public hearing was held at that time and there were no public comments or suggested changes to the amendment at that time. This is now before Council for the second reading.

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-2-2022 to amend City Code, Chapter 34, "Zoning," amending the definition of family; add new definitions for reasonable accommodation and special accommodation residence; add a new Section 34-4.60, Standards and Regulations for Special Accommodation Use; and approval of summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION.**

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to appoint the following individuals to the Farmington Area Arts Commission:

	<b><u>Length of Term:</u></b>	<b><u>Term ending:</u></b>
Don Fritz	Unexpired term	February 1, 2025
Nora Mason	Unexpired term	February 1, 2024

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) 5, 1993 AGREEMENT.**

Charmaine Kettler-Schmult, Interim Director of Planning and Community Development, reported that the Planned Unit Development originally allowed for office use and was recently amended by City Council to allow for retail and restaurants for a portion of the development. The next step is the PUD agreement, which has been reviewed and drafted by the City Attorney.

Mr. Antone, Kojaian Development, stated that the biggest want from office staff returning to work are area amenities and this would help to bring back the office market.

MOTION by Knol, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the amendment to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) 5, 1993 Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SEMCOG) PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR COMPLETE STREETS AND CORRIDOR SAFETY PLANNING. CMR 5-22-51**

Charmaine Kettler-Schmult, Interim Director of Planning and Community Development, explained that this is a request to allow staff to submit an application to SEMCOG for complete streets and safety planning and is very timely given the master plan process the city is undertaking.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the submittal of an application to SEMCOG to obtain a SEMCOG Planning Assistance Program Grant for Complete Streets and Corridor Safety Planning prior to May 27, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES AT CHAPTER 8, "BUSINESS LICENSING" ARTICLE II, "SMOKING LOUNGES," TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL PERMIT FOR HOOKAH SMOKING AREAS IN SMOKING LOUNGES AND TO AMEND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE ORDINANCE, DEFINITIONS, APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES, BASIS FOR APPROVAL AND DENIAL OF LICENSE AND SPECIAL PERMITS, STANDARDS OF CONDUCT, HOURS OF OPERATION, AND TEMPORARY CLOSURES IN THE INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE.**

City Attorney Joppich explained that the ordinance is being presented to Council tonight for the introduction and first reading and if approved would come back to City Council for a second reading. He explained that the proposed amendment has been studied by staff and City Council over the past 30-60 days in order to address issues taking place at area Hookah Lounges. He noted that the city currently has two applications pending with the city under the current ordinance. The proposed changes to the ordinance are outlined in red in the report provided to Council this evening and focuses on a couple of key areas including the hours of operation proposed for 8am-11pm and allowing for temporary closure of a business for up to 72 hours; and establishes a special permit for use of hookah within the facility and conditions associated with such permit.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an ordinance to amend the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances at Chapter 8, "Business Licensing" Article II, "Smoking Lounges," to establish a special permit for hookah smoking areas in smoking lounges and to amend provisions relating to the purpose and intent of the ordinance, definitions, applications for licenses, basis for approval and denial of

license and special permits, standards of conduct, hours of operation, and temporary closures in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.

Some members of City Council expressed concern with the proposed hours of operation and closing time of 11pm and imposing further restrictions without some education and outreach to the owners of the hookah lounges. Also, there was concern with the language included that could penalize a new owner for occurrences that happened on the property or in the facility when they did not own it. Other members of Council felt the establishments required further limitations in order to address the serious crimes taking place in or around their businesses and to maintain the health, safety and welfare of the community.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 4-3.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CIPRIANO CLASSIC 5K RACE TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022.**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for the 11th Annual Cipriano Classic 5K Race to be held on Friday, June 10, 2022 from 6pm-9pm, subject to the following conditions:

- The event shall not block or restrict fire lanes
- The event must comply with Fire Prevention Code requirements
- The route shall be as proposed, mainly in the residential area behind the YMCA
- Farmington Road will be closed temporarily at 12 Mile while runners begin the race
- There will be approximately 400 runners
- There will be 40-50 volunteers throughout the race route to assist the runners
- The applicant has been in contact with the Fire Department for medical response
- There will be ample parking for all attendees in the area of the event
- The residents of Kendallwood Subdivision will be notified by staff of the event the week prior to the run
- Reimbursement for Police Department overtime as outlined in the Police Chief's recommendation memo for this event
- The applicant shall submit an Indemnification Agreement prior to the start of the event

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CHARTER FOR A CAMP LEADER AND HAWKS NEST LEADER.**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Charter for Susan Wardle as a Camp Leader and Hawks Nest Leader in the Special Services Department. Susan is the mother of Anne Wardle, who is a Department Aide in the Special Services Department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2022.**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council study session meeting minutes of April 25, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2022.**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council regular session meeting minutes of April 25, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2022.**

MOTION by Knol, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council special meeting minutes of April 27, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

The attorney report was received by Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Bruce, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 8:45pm.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk