

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER
OCTOBER 23, 2023 – 7:30 PM

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Barnett at 7:31pm.

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

Council Members Absent: Bridges

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, City Clerk Smith, Directors Schnackel and Skrobola and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mike Sweeney, Emergency Preparedness Commission member, led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 1, 2023 AS EXTRA MILE DAY

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Knol:

**PROCLAMATION
Extra Mile Day
November 1, 2023**

WHEREAS, the City Farmington Hills acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens collectively “go the extra mile” in personal effort, volunteerism and service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills encourages its citizens to maximize their personal contributions to society by giving of themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, commitment and conviction to their individual ambitions, family, friends and community; and

WHEREAS, the City Farmington Hills chooses to shine a light on, and celebrate, individuals and organizations who “go the extra mile” to make a difference and lift up fellow members of their community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills acknowledges the mission of Extra Mile America to create more than 550 Extra Mile cities in our country and is proud to support “Extra Mile Day” on November 1, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vicki Barnett, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2023 to be “**Extra Mile Day**” and urge all members of the community to not only go the extra mile in their own lives, but also to acknowledge individuals who are

inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country and world a better place.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION TIP OF THE MONTH

Mike Sweeney discussed the Emergency Preparedness Tip of The Month dealing with ensuring you have power for you house during power outages and safety around using a generator or similar devices.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

- Letter from a resident regarding incorporating a labyrinth in one of the parks. It was noted that this idea would be passed on to the appropriate staff
- Email received requesting that Item #4 is removed from the consent agenda. Mayor Barnett suggested that City Clerk Smith discuss this item during approval of the consent agenda
- Letters/emails received regarding a propose Planned Unit Development along 13 Mile Road

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Smith stated that an email was received asking questions around early voting and how that works and funding. She explained that the early voting was part of Proposal 2 that was petitioned to be placed on the ballot last year and approved by voters at that time. Clerk Smith clarified that City Council approved an agreement to partner with Oakland County for early voting starting with the November 7, 2023 Election at their meeting of September 18, 2023 that included the use of the Costick Activities Center as the early voting site for Farmington and Farmington Hills voters. The item before City Council this evening is simply a license agreement with the county on the use of the Costick Center for that purpose. Clerk Smith went on to explain the early voting process and locations for voters to early vote. She noted that the State and County were seeking grant funding for early voting and to cover this year's elections and that local costs going forward would include election worker pay that would be split between Farmington and Farmington Hills and staffing expenses for city employees.

MOTION by Knol, support by Boleware, to approve the consent agenda items #4 through #8.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, to approve the consent agenda items #9 and #10.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: BARNETT

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1-1.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Dixon Tyson, resident, expressed concern about receiving another sewer bill and the amount owed. City Manager Mekjian explained that staff had been working with Mr. Tyson to assist him through the process in metering his actual water usage and payment options but that Mr. Tyson was required to complete paperwork first that had not yet been done. Staff will speak with Mr. Tyson following the adjournment of the meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following Councilmember comments or announcements were made:

- Volunteer opportunities – tutoring on Saturday mornings 9am-11am

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Mekjian provided an update on the following:

- Michigan Municipal League Conference

CONSENT AGENDA:

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY FOR EARLY VOTING AT THE COSTICK ACTIVITIES CENTER.

MOTION by Knol, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the license agreement with the Board of County Election Commissioners for Oakland County for use of the Costick Activities Center as an early voting site.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FOURTH AND FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS AND QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT.

MOTION by Knol, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby acknowledges the fourth and first quarter financial summary reports and quarterly investment report.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CANCELING THE DECEMBER 25, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

MOTION by Knol, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby cancels the regular City Council meeting scheduled for December 25, 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 A REQUEST FOR STATUS CHANGE UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CHARTER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. CMR 10-23-116

MOTION by Knol, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the status change of Officers Bragole and Line, pursuant to City Charter, Article X, Section 10.01A.

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 GUEST SERVICES ASSISTANT.

MOTION by Knol, 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 Alicia Lamont as a Guest Services Assistant in the Special Services Department. Alicia is the mother of Teneille Lamont, who is a Department Aide in 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 CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2023.

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council study session meetings minutes of October 9, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1-1.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2023.**

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council regular session meetings minutes of October 9, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1-1.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Knol, support by Newlin, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 8:08pm.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk