

**MEETING MINUTES  
INNOVATION, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY  
NOVEMBER 18, 2025  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD  
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN**

**CALL TO ORDER:** at 5:01 P.M. by Chair Matthew Strickfaden.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Matthew Strickfaden, Secretary Tracy Collins, Lawrence Baker, Kotireddy Burla, Robin Cash, Megan Kershaw, , Chandra Koganti, Tony Reames, Ken Snodgrass.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vice Chair Bernard Hooper (excused), Srinivasa Rao Bikki, Taimoor Khan, Rachel Quinn.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Assistant City Manager Karen Mondora.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Tony Reames, supported by Ken Snodgrass, to approve the agenda as submitted. Unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 14, 2025 MEETING MINUTES:** Motion by Megan Kershaw, supported by Kotireddy Burla, to approve the agenda as submitted. Unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No members of the public were present.

**PRESENTATION FROM MAKE FOOD NOT WASTE:** Presentation by Stephanie Dillman of the Farmington Hills Zero Food Waste Blueprint "Make Food Not Waste". Their mission is to keep food out of landfills; one such way they are doing this is by having upcycling kitchens in the City of Detroit. They have determined that their mission is best achieved with a regional approach (SE Michigan). Currently, Farmington Hills has 24 million pounds of food waste annually, \$66,000,000.00 per year is spent in food bought and not eaten, \$750,000.00 is spent by businesses on food bought and not sold. The timing of the implementation of the blueprint is 3 years with a launch when funding is available. The cost for Year #1 is \$1,500,000.00, \$700,000.00 if for residents only, and curbside pick-up of food waste would be approximately \$2 per month, per household. The Executive Director of Make Food Not Waste is Danielle Todd - the committee is urged to email with any questions to [danielle@makefoodnotwaste.org](mailto:danielle@makefoodnotwaste.org). It was discussed that any questions by IEESC members be emailed to Assistant City Manager Karen Mondora who will compile any questions and submit them on the Committee's behalf. Assistant City Manager Karen Mondora reminded the Committee that City Council previously heard the presentation and requested that the IEESC investigate the blueprint/proposal in greater depth and report our findings back to City Council.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion regarding the email received relative to the invite email received to participate in the IEESC Group on Microsoft 365. This group email is for notification from city personnel only and not for IEESC committee members to discuss or share ideas which could potentially violate the

Open Meetings Act. Reminder that all IEESC discussions should be held only during Committee Meetings.

Discussion held regarding the Committee's potential pilot project(s). It was determined that the Committee needs to narrow down the possibilities and several ideas were again discussed before the presentation by Make Food Not Waste:

- Live garden wall possibly at The Hawk; benefits include catching storm water drainage, esthetically pleasing, less heat in building with use of less AC in summer (cooling effect), community visibility.
- Bioretention water ponds. OC Water Resources Commission Office may have very good resources.
- Food Waste Recycling. Projects currently running in Farmington and Southfield. Compost facility in Wixom "My Green Michigan" may have resources available. Also upcycling and cooking oil recycling were discussed.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:** None.

**LIASON COMMENTS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion approved by Robin Cash, supported by Lawrence Baker to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

*Minutes Drafted by IEESC Secretary Tracy Collins*