

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 – 7:30 PM  
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**SUSTAINABLE FARMINGTON HILLS TIP OF THE MONTH**

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

Sustainable Farmington Hills  
Tip of the Month

Three ways to become more sustainable in your everyday life:

1. Buy organic food...
  - To help keep your body and the environment free of toxic pesticides, purchase products that are organic
2. Electronic Appliances/Utilities...
  - Consider using energy-efficient appliances and electronics. You can contact your utility company and find out about renewable energy options that could help reduce household energy usage
3. Conserve Energy...
  - Purchase rechargeable batteries for anything that needs them. Batteries take up to 100 years to fully decompose. By switching to rechargeable batteries you help conserve energy, cut back on waste, and save money

For more information please visit [www.sustainablefh.com](http://www.sustainablefh.com)

**PRESENTATION ON PROPOSAL TO TRANSITION FROM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS TO A LOCAL ROAD MILLAGE**

Assistant City Manager Mekjian, provided a power point presentation explaining the background on why the city approved a Charter Amendment to transition from special assessment districts to a local road

millage to appear on the November 6, 2018 ballot and also explaining the current condition of the roads and how the millage funding would be utilized to make improvements.

Councilmember Bridges inquired if people living on gravel roads had the ability to have their roads paved. Assistant City Manager Mekjian responded that if the Charter Amendment passes, the city has earmarked \$1 million in revenue to be used to pave gravel roads upon request by the residents of a gravel road and if there is a majority of the residents in favor of the paving.

#### **UPDATE FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson provided City Council with the following update:

- Oakland County hired a new veteran navigator to support veterans and their families in the County. If you are a military veteran or family of a veteran and have any questions or concerns call the Oakland County Veterans Office.
- There is a free event for military personnel at Catalpa Park from 11-3pm on October 6, 2018
- The Oakland County Board of Commissioners formed a Bi-Partisan Committee to investigate the ballot shortage in the August Election and the Board of Commissioners will be making a recommendation on Thursday at their County Commissioner's meeting.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence acknowledged.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Knol, support by Bruce, to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

#### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

Martin Meyers, resident of Hampshire House Condominium Association, expressed concern with a neighbor doing construction on his condo unit without pulling the proper permits and concern with the Building Department's records.

Attorney Joppich clarified that he had many exchanges on this issue with another gentleman of the Association who was provided copies of many records and permit applications. He stated that this is a private dispute between the Association and a resident but the city has provided records upon request.

Mr. Meyers clarified that all he wants to know is what was wrong with the inspections that occurred at the unit.

Attorney Joppich, in response to Council, stated that the City has provided this information but he can follow up with the Association again to point out where this information can be found on the reports.

Bill Galvin, Briar Ridge, introduced himself as a candidate for County Commissioner for the 14<sup>th</sup> District.

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Councilmember Rich appreciated the opportunity to attend the Michigan Municipal League Conference. She was proud to be elected Vice-President of Michigan Women of Municipal Government.
- Councilmember Rich is hosting constituent time at the Farmington Library on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>
- Mayor Massey announced a Mental Health Resource Fair being held October 10<sup>th</sup> at City Hall at 6:30pm sponsored by Farmington SAFE
- Mayor Pro-Tem Lerner mentioned that the City-wide Open House is scheduled for Sunday, September 30, 2018 from 12noon to 4pm

**CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

City Manager Boyer made the following announcements:

- Special Services Master Plan visioning meeting is being held from 6-8pm
- Flu Shot clinic is being held at the Activities Center from 9am-1pm on October 2, 2018

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR FIRE PLAN REVIEW FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND LIFE SAFETY SYSTEMS TO CODE SAVVY CONSULTANTS AND FIRE SAFETY CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS WITH RENEWAL OPTIONS; AND APPROVAL OF THE REVISED FIRE DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE. CMR 9-18-84**

MOTION by Knol, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue purchase orders to Code Savvy Consultants and Fire Safety Consultants, Inc. for a period of two (2) years with optional renewal for four (4) additional one (1) year periods between the City and each firm through mutual consent and under the same terms and conditions, and approves the attached fee schedule and authorizes the Fire Department to begin charging said fees for all projects going forward.

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 BID FOR ROOM RENOVATIONS AT FIRE STATION #1 TO PINNACLE CONTRACTING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,380. CMR 9-18-85**

MOTION by Knol, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for Room Renovations at Fire Station #1 to Pinnacle Contracting, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$17,380 (\$15,800 Base Bid + Contingency).

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 BID FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS, SIRENS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT TO PRIORITY ONE EMERGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,383.02 CMR 9-18-86**

MOTION by Knol, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for the purchase and installation of lights, sirens & related equipment to Priority One Emergency in the amount of \$39,383.02.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Massey adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk