

**MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
MARCH 4, 2024 – 6:00PM**

The study session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Rich at 6:03pm

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 and City Attorney Joppich

ELECTION UPDATE

City Clerk Lindahl provided council with an update of the February 27, 2024, Presidential Primary Election, noting the following:

- Early Voting: Total Votes Cast: 575/ Total Votes Cast - Farmington Hills Voters: 532
- Absent Voter Ballots: Issued: 14,223/Returned/Tabulated: 12,071
- Ballots returned on Election Day: 1,375
- Ballots returned after 5pm on Election Day: 460
- Ballots retrieved from Drop Boxes at 8pm: 187
- Precinct Voters – Election Day: 5,777
- Turnout 28%

She added that with the new legislation, voters may “cure” their absent voter ballot signature up until 5PM the Friday after the election; these are either ballots received without a signature or with a signature that did not match what is in the voter’s QVF profile. Military and overseas ballots can be received up until March 4th as long as they are postmarked on or before Election Day.

Clerk Lindahl noted that the county has completed their canvass and all precinct totals and counting board totals balance without issue.

Mayor Rich asked why the City of Farmington Hills was one of the last communities in Oakland County to fully report results. Clerk Lindahl responded stating that processing the number of ballots that were collected from the city’s drop boxes at 8pm prior to being delivered to the counting board, takes time. There are a number of checks and balances these ballots must go through before they can be tabulated. She stated that the days of being fully reported soon after the polls close are in the past, but Council and the residents of Farmington Hills can be confident that the results that are being submitted are accurate.

ALICE Training

Farmington Hills Police Sergeant Brian Kersanty presented City Council with the classroom portion of ALICE Training.

ADJOURNMENT

The study session meeting adjourned at 7:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk