

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
FEBRUARY 24, 2014 – 7:30 PM
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER**

The regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Brickner at 7:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Brickner, Bridges, Bruce, Knol, Lerner, Massey, and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Smith, Assistant Manager Boyer, Directors Gardiner, Randle, Schnackel, Police Chief Nebus, City Attorney Joppich, and Planning Consultant Arroyo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Planning Commission Chairperson Chris McRae led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

COMMISSION FOR ENERGY AND ENVIROMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY “TIP OF THE MONTH”

CEES Tip of the Month
February 24, 2014
Read by Randy Bruce

PRESENTATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Chairperson McRae explained that the Farmington Hills Planning Commission is charged with promoting the health, safety, and welfare of Farmington Hills through sound land use planning. This nine member commission is comprised of residents of the City of Farmington Hills who have worked diligently over the past year to further this goal.

Chairperson McRae stated that the 2013 Major Initiatives of the Planning Commission included:

- 2013/2014 – 2018/2019 Capital Improvement Plan
- Outdoor Lighting Ordinance
- Grand River Corridor Vision Plan
- Seasonal Outdoor Sales Ordinance Amendment
- Mixed Use Zoning District

Chairperson McRae discussed the application activity and streamlining that process.

Mayor Brickner thanked the Planning Commission for the hard work they do for the City of Farmington Hills.

PRESENTATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Chairperson Steve Olson stated that the Farmington Hills Historic District Commission is charged with preserving Historic Districts in the City, which reflect elements of the cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history of the community.

Chairperson Olson reviewed the Historic District Commission's Goals and Objectives, which are as follows:

- Support the State and National Historic Preservation efforts
- Maintain quality and protection of properties included in the historic districts
- Maximize inclusion of viable/eligible properties
- Maximize public support for relevant historic preservation issues

The Historic District Commission set forth the following initiatives for 2013:

- Ensure the preservation and restoration of public buildings
- Continue public relations campaign/outreach to local media
- Work to survey, conserve and recognize historic structures
- Continue to digitize files and documents

Chairperson Olson discussed the process of review by the Historic District Commission and mentioned some of the work that has been done within the Historic Districts over the past year and special projects that the Commission continues to work on.

Mayor Brickner thanked the Historic District Commission for the work they do for the City of Farmington Hills.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Brickner received three letters regarding snow and potholes.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

NONE

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

- Crisis to Hope Event will be held February 25, 2014 from 7:00-9:00 in the City Council Chambers.
- March 15, 2014 there will be a Neighborhood Watch Meeting at the Costick Center from 7:00-8:00.
- The round-about that is planned to be constructed on 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road was scheduled to be done by the end of the year has been rescheduled to be complete in the spring of 2015.
- When residents call in to report potholes the Department of Public Works if the road is a county or state road the message will be delivered to the appropriate entity.
- This year there will be a millage regarding SMART Bus Funding on the ballot. There will not be a hearing at a City Council meeting on this issue since Farmington Hills is an opt-in community.
- The program "Drugs 101 – What Parents Want to Know" will be held at North Farmington High School on March 11, 2014 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is sponsored by the Farmington Hills Police Department and the Farmington Public Safety Department using drug forfeiture money.
- On Thursday, February, 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at Oakland Community College the 8th graders from East Middle School and Dunkel Middle School who are moving to high school will take "The Pledge for Success".

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Brock provided the following update:

- State Legislature has allocated \$100 million towards road maintenance. This is not from the State surplus it is from a reserve fund that is for roads. Residents are urged to contact their legislators to encourage use of surplus funding for assistance with road conditions.
- The Michigan Concrete Association presented the City with a prestigious award for the Water Tower project.
- Wednesday, February 19, 2014, an art fundraiser event was held in the anticipation of a Film Festival that is coming on March 19, 2014 at the Civic Theatre addressing various social issues.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MOTION by Massey, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to make the following appointments:

Farmington Area Commission on Aging

Chuck Collins

Term expiration 2/1/2017

Farmington Area Arts Commission

Elena Pike

Term expiration 2/1/2017

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION
2014-2018 MASTER PLAN CMR 2-14-19**

Special Services Director Schnackel stated that the City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services has undertaken the process to prepare the five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The City contracted with OHM to help in this process. Director Schnackel introduced Ms. Vanessa Warren and Mr. John Kramer from OHM to give an overview of the Plan.

Ms. Warren explained that a Master Plan is a document that inventories, evaluates, and discovers the needs and establishes goals and develops a foundation for growth. It is based on public input, city input, and the existing facilities and how they match up with the needs. This is a mandatory document to write a grant for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and it is also becoming very important for many State and Federal agencies in writing grants.

Ms. Warren explained the process for preparing the Master Plan document.

Councilmember Bridges inquired about the number one need identified by the community and the biggest challenges for the department. Ms. Warren responded that Arts was identified as the number one need. Ms. Schnackel stated that there are many items on the "wish list" for the community, and the biggest challenge is prioritizing and financing those projects.

Councilmember Bridges commented on the importance of maintaining the parks for the community and thanked the Department for their work.

Councilmember Knol inquired if the issue of the dog park came up with regard to the property being leased and what might happen if that property is ever sold for another purpose and not available. Ms. Schnackel responded that this question did not come up in the public input for the Master Plan; however, there are 250 families that utilize the dog park and they are curious about the future of that property.

Councilmember Steckloff inquired about the difference in cost for the parking lot improvements. Ms. Schnackel responded that this was due to the different projects being done each year.

Councilmember Lerner noted that there seemed to be a shortage on gyms and playgrounds based on the population. He also felt that the zamboni at the Ice Arena would not last until 2015/16 when it is proposed to be replaced. He suggested including this in the Capitol Improvement Projects in this year's budget.

Mayor Brickner stated that they are monitoring the dog park issue. Councilmember Lerner added that the dog park was built with that in mind with removable fencing, etc.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts the City of Farmington Hills 2014-2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
CITY CODE, CHAPTER 18, "OFFENSES", ARTICLE I, "GENERAL", SECTION 18-8,**

“BEGGING”, TO PROHIBIT LOITERING IN A PUBLIC PLACE FOR THE PRUPOSE OF AGGRESSIVE BEGGING

City Attorney Joppich explained the a recent Federal Circuit Court of Appeals decision determined that the state law which makes “begging in a public place” a misdemeanor is unconstitutional under First Amendment principles because the Court found begging to be a form of speech. The City’s ordinance Section 18-8 contains language that is similar to state law; therefore, he is suggesting an amendment in a manner that is consistent with the Court’s ruling.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an Ordinance to amend City Code, Chapter 18, “offenses”, Article I, “General”, Section 18-8, “Begging”, to prohibit loitering in a public place for the purpose of aggressive begging.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF MOBILE DATA COMPUTERS FROM DELL COMPUTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$105,000 FOR 33 MOBILE DATA COMPUTERS AND TO OAKLAND COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT T NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000 FOR THE INSTALLATION CMR 2-14-20

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue purchase orders to Dell Computer in an amount not to exceed \$105,000 for 33 Mobile Data Computers; and to Oakland County in an amount not to exceed \$16,000 for installation of the Mobile Data Computers.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID TO DIVERSIFIED POWER, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,999.00 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF EMERGENCY GENERATOR AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AT FIRE STATION NO. 1. CMR 2-14-21

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Diversified Power, Inc. in the amount of \$59,999 for replacement of the emergency generator and related equipment at Fire Station #1.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY PROGRAM TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF 10-YEAR LITHIUM SMOKE ALARMS AND ADA COMPLIANT SMOKE ALARM SYSTEMS CMR 2-14-22

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Fire Department to submit a grant application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Fire Prevention and Safety Program to fund the purchase of 10-year lithium smoke alarms and ADA compliant smoke alarm systems.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE COST HEARING DATE OF MARCH 24, 2014 FOR PEARL STREET SANITARY SEWER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT C-342 CMR 2-14-23

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopt a resolution to establish the Cost Hearing date of March 24, 2014 for Pearl Street Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District C-342.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CANCELING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10, 2014

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves canceling the regular City Council meeting scheduled for March 10, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council Study Session Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ENTERING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering in Executive Session immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss Collective Bargaining.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Brickner mentioned potential topics for the next regular City Council meeting of March 24, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Brickner adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk