

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
NOVEMBER 9, 2015 – 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, Rich and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith, Assistant to the City Manager Geinzer, Directors Gajda, Gardiner, Lasley, Mekjian, Randle and Schnackel, Fire Chief Bartsch, Police Chief Nebus and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barry Brickner led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, to approve as amended with switching items #2 and #3 on the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECTED ON NOVEMBER 3, 2015

City Clerk Smith administered the Oath of Office for Mayor to Ken Massey and for City Council Members to Randy Bruce, Richard Lerner and Theresa Rich.

Comments were made by the newly elected Councilmembers thanking all who voted for them and expressing their desire and commitment to serve the community.

Mayor Ken Massey stated that he grew up in the community and to be able to continue to serve as the new Mayor is an honor. He feels they have a great City Council and will endure any challenges. He thanked the previous Mayors present at the meeting for their service. Mayor Massey mentioned that with the City being named as the 14th best place to live with a population over 65,000, the 2nd safest City in the State of Michigan and having a AAA bond rating, the baseline is set high and Council and staff have some work to do to move to that next level.

Councilmember Bridges commented on his run for Mayor stating the he enjoyed the opportunity and experience and was able to get to know a lot about the city and what the residents want in the community. He congratulated Mayor Massey and the newly elected Councilmembers. He stated that his run for Mayor was about providing the residents a choice and he will continue to seek ways to make sure Farmington Hills continues to be a great City that is already and he looks forward to the next few years.

PROCLAMATION HONORING MAYOR BARRY BRICKNER

The following proclamation was read by Mayor Ken Massey.

**PROCLAMATION
Mayor Barry Brickner**

In Recognition of Exemplary Service to the City of Farmington Hills

WHEREAS, Barry Brickner has served this City and its residents with honor and distinction as the Mayor of Farmington Hills for two terms, as a City Council member for three terms, as Mayor Pro Tem in 2001 and 2007, and prior to his election to City Council, as a member for four years on the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, he has served as a member of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, the Economic Development Corporation, the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority, the Multicultural Multiracial Community Council, the Michigan Municipal League, the National League of Cities, and the Millennial Mayors Congress, and has served as the delegate to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and as the Council liaison and past Chair of the Eight Mile Boulevard Association; and

WHEREAS, Barry Brickner has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission and has served on the Board of Directors for the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, he is an active community volunteer and participates annually in River Day, Rebuilding Together, Special Olympics Team Bowling, and Eight Mile Boulevard Clean Team events, plus he is a frequent and loyal donor at American Red Cross blood drives; and

WHEREAS, Barry Brickner is a graduate of Michigan State University and Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and is a practicing attorney and member of the Oakland County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Barry Brickner's leadership exemplifies his commitment to community service, and with his vast knowledge and considerable talents, he has played an integral role in enhancing and maintaining the high quality of life in our City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize and thank Barry Brickner for his loyal service to the people of our City, and encourage everyone in Farmington Hills to take the opportunity to respect and recognize the exemplary work of this highly dedicated individual.

PROCLAMATION BY OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

County Commissioners Dwyer, Gershenson and Jackson presented Mayor Brickner with a proclamation for his years of service to the community.

Mayor Brickner stated one thing he learned serving on Council and as Mayor was that you can get more done by working with other government officials and agencies that the City works with and he urged Council to keep up those good relationships as you get more done by working together. He thanked

Mayor Massey and Council and the Oakland County Commissioners for the Proclamations. He stated that he is proud to say he is from Farmington Hills and he thanked all for the privilege and honor for allowing him to serve the community for so many years.

Mayor Massey and Council provided outgoing remarks to Mr. Brickner commenting on his integrity and commitment to the community, guidance and leadership and they thanked him for his many years of service.

SELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, to nominate Valerie Knol as the next Mayor Pro-Tem. There were no further nominations.

Councilmember Lerner commented on Councilmembers Knol's experience and expertise.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner to close the nominations and select Valerie Knol as the next Mayor Pro-Tem.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 50TH SEASON OF THE FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Steckloff and accepted by President Mike Wiese:

**PROCLAMATION
50th Season of the Farmington Community Band**

- WHEREAS,** the Farmington Community Band is celebrating 50 seasons in a musical journey that has greatly enriched the arts community and enhanced music education in our area; and
- WHEREAS,** founded in 1966 by Paul and Fern Barber, the Farmington Community Band started as the Farmington Civic Band with only 13 musicians performing in its first concert; and
- WHEREAS,** the Farmington Community Band continued to grow with both student and adult musicians and a Board of Directors formed to guide the organization; and
- WHEREAS,** as the group grew in membership, the variety and frequency of performances increased, as did the diversity of the musical offerings with a dance/jazz band, Dixieland band, clarinet choir, low brass, and flute ensembles added; and
- WHEREAS,** performances expanded to include a summer music series, participation in the Festival of the Community Bands, special appearances at Tiger baseball games and community events, and performances by prominent guest soloists and conductors; and
- WHEREAS,** now in his 12th season, Maestro Damien Crutcher, Music Director and Conductor of the Farmington Community Band, continues to challenge the group, delight audiences, and further the organization's renowned legacy of musical excellence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby honor and recognize the **50th Season of the Farmington Community Band** and encourage our citizens to recognize and celebrate the valuable contribution that the Band has made in bringing the joy and wonder of music to the people in our area.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FARMINGTON MUSICALE

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Knol and accepted by Fern Barber:

**PROCLAMATION
50th Anniversary of The Farmington Musicale**

- WHEREAS,** The Farmington Musicale is celebrating 50 years of fostering an appreciation of music in the Farmington and Farmington Hills community; and
- WHEREAS,** founded in 1965, the goal of The Farmington Musicale was to provide the community with an overview of all genres of music; and
- WHEREAS,** established 50 years ago by founder and first president Irene Winnie, The Farmington Musicale elects a new president every two years who plans monthly programs with a ten-member Board of Directors at community venues including the Farmington Public Library and local places of worship; and
- WHEREAS,** The Farmington Musicale offers scholarship funds to local students in grades 7 through 12 to encourage their exploration of music by taking lessons and learning about different artists and various instruments; and
- WHEREAS,** The Farmington Musicale Awards for Musical Excellence competition is held every February with student scholarship winners presenting an annual recital in March to showcase their talents; and
- WHEREAS,** a special concert will be held at Nardin Park Church in Farmington Hills on April 17, 2016 to observe the 50th Anniversary of The Farmington Musicale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby honor and recognize the **50th Anniversary of The Farmington Musicale** and encourage our citizens to recognize and celebrate the valuable contribution that the Musicale's members have made in promoting music's vital role in our lives.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FARMINGTON ART FOUNDATION

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Bruce and accepted by President Pat Langner:

**PROCLAMATION
50th Anniversary of the Farmington Art Foundation**

- WHEREAS,** the Farmington Art Foundation is celebrating 50 years of facilitating an active arts community in Farmington and Farmington Hills; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1965, the goal of the Farmington Art Foundation was to stimulate an active interest in the arts through lectures, workshops, speakers, critiques, and exhibits; and

WHEREAS, the Farmington Art Foundation serves the community by sponsoring weekly painting classes for seniors at the Costick Center, providing materials and offering advice and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation spearheads the Art Smart program at 15 Farmington area public and private elementary schools, distributing art prints and assisting area parents who visit classrooms to teach children about famous artists; and

WHEREAS, each spring as part of the Festival of the Arts, the Foundation sponsors a major juried art exhibit, and each summer as part of the Founders Festival, the Foundation hosts a summer art exhibit; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Farmington Art Foundation was awarded the “**Distinguished Service to the Arts Award**,” and its members continue to greatly enhance the quality of life in our community as they sustain their enduring celebration of the arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby honor and recognize the **50th Anniversary of the Farmington Art Foundation** and encourage our citizens to recognize the valuable contribution the Foundation’s members have made in creating an active interest in the arts in our community.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION “TIP OF THE MONTH”

The following Tip of the Month was read by Emergency Preparedness Commission Chairperson Kerry Jackson:

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
TIP OF THE MONTH
NOVEMBER 2015**

The Emergency Preparedness Commission reminds everyone to prepare for the winter months ahead.

Familiarize yourself with winter weather terminology and know what to do when an Advisory, Watch, or Warning is issued.

At home:

- Make sure your home preparedness kit is current.
- Purchase rock salt or other snow removal materials.
- Prepare your home for winter including checking the chimney for cleanliness, and installing any storm windows or covering windows with plastic.
- Make sure smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.
- Winterize pet shelters with doors, plastic sheeting, and extra ground cover such as straw and blankets. Change the ground cover regularly. Provide extra food, and make sure drinking water doesn't freeze. *Most animal deaths in wintertime result from dehydration.*

Outside:

- Review the warning signs and first aid treatments for frostbite and hypothermia, as described in your first aid manual.

- The Farmington Hills Senior Division matches senior residents with volunteers who will help them clear snow off sidewalks, porches and driveways in the winter. To volunteer or request help, please call 248-473-1895.

For your automobile:

- Ensure your automobile is prepared for winter driving, including proper maintenance and your auto Winter Survival Kit.
- Know winter driving related safety tips, such as how to steer out of a skid.

The EPC wishes everyone a safe winter season. For more information regarding the Emergency Preparedness Commission, or to receive a free copy of the Farmington Hills Preparedness Handbook, visit the website at www.fhready.org. Stay warm, stay safe!!

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Massey commented that the Mayor Pro-Tem typically reads the Consent Agenda and he suggested a motion to select a temporary Mayor Pro-Tem for this meeting to read the Consent Agenda and conduct business for one other item on the agenda.

MOTION by Bridges to appoint Valeri Knol as temporary Mayor Pro-Tem for tonight's meeting. The motion died for a lack of support.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, to appoint Councilmember Bruce as the temporary Mayor Pro-Tem.

Councilmember Knol stated that she would go along with the vote to make Councilmember Bruce temporary Mayor Pro-Tem for this evening and she will be sworn in as the official Mayor Pro-Tem at the next meeting and thanked Councilmember Bridges for his motion.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

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

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

Georgia Callas, Old Homestead, stated that she is representing the Coalition for Fair Road Repairs who is considering legal action against the City with regard to currently approved special assessment districts. She respectfully requested that the City provide for a 90-day stay in which no tax payers dollars are committed to this project at this time.

Mayor Massey explained that with the action taken by Council so far, the only activity taking place at this time is engineering of the project and the residents are not being assessed at this time. The project is going through the engineering stages, but the assessment roll will not come back to City Council for final approval until the project is bid out in January and then a second public hearing is scheduled to consider the assessment roll and costs.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Council member comments or announcements.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Boyer commented on the following:

- The last week for yard waste pick up is the week of November 30th through December 4th.
- Wednesday, November 11th, City Offices will be closing at 4:00pm for a scheduled fire drill as part of the city's emergency preparedness and training for staff
- A Thanksgiving feast is being held at the Costick Center on Wednesday, November 11th from 4pm-7pm
- The last E-Waste drop-off is Saturday, November 14th from 9am until 1pm at Power Park on 10 Mile Road in Novi, MI

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-9-2015 AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A VACANT PARCEL TO FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Attorney Joppich explained that this is the second reading of an Ordinance to convey a parcel of property to the Farmington Public Schools that involved an exchange of property between the cities and school.

MOTION by Knol, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-9-2015 authorizing the conveyance of Parcel #22-23-09-255-019 to Farmington Public Schools; and approval of summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO THE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Narendra Kumar to the Corridor Improvement Authority with a term ending February 1, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF AFFIRMING THE SCOPE OF WORK AWARDED BY THE GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT (CIA) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO HUBBELL, ROTH AND CLARK, INC. (HRC) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00 FOR CONSULTING SERVICES. CMR 11-15-103

Assistant to the City Manager Geinzer explained that the scope of work in question was along the Grand River Corridor and the details of the project were presented to Council at their study session on October 6, 2015.

Councilmember Bridges asked Mr. Geinzer to explain the role of Clearzoning on this project. Mr. Geinzer responded that this project is more than just an engineering project and due to the impact on economic development in that area, staff felt it was important to have a planning consultant perspective as well as the engineering consultant.

Councilmember Knol inquired about the estimated time line for the project. Mr. Geinzer stated that this piece of the work would go into the spring and will continue that momentum going forward to ultimately see investment into this corridor.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby affirms the scope of work awarded by the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) and authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order on behalf of the CIA to Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. (HRC) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH BOTSFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 28050 GRAND RIVER; PUD PLAN 1, 2015.

Mayor Massey explained that he would be recusing himself from this portion of the meeting as he currently serves as President of the Botsford Hospital Board of Directors. He turned the meeting over to acting Mayor Pro-Tem Bruce.

Acting Mayor Pro-Tem Bruce invited staff to present on this project.

Director of Planning/Community Development Gardiner stated that on September 28, 2015, City Council approved the Planned Unit Development (PUD) Plan for the Botsford site and as part of the conditions of the approval at that time was that the City Attorney would prepare a PUD Agreement to facilitate the proposed development.

Councilmember Bridges questioned if the PUD Agreement was substantially different that the approved PUD Plan.

Mr. Gardiner responded that the Agreement represents what City Council approved as part of the PUD Plan, including any legal items or conditions noted by Council at that time.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Planned Unit Development Agreement with Botsford General Hospital for the property located at 28050 Grand River; PUD Plan 1, 2015.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1 (Massey abstained).

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE CITY MANAGER AS THE CITY'S STREET ADMINISTRATOR.

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the designation of City Manager, David Boyer, as the City's Street Administrator.

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 OF TASERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT TO TASER INTERNATIONAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,905.02. CMR 11-15-104

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Taser International in the amount of \$35,905.02 for tasers and related equipment.

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 AGREEMENT FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMS AND CONSULTANT SERVICES TO PSYBUS PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS AND DR. JAY S. WITHERELL IN AN AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 PER YEAR FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 11-15-105

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve all budgeted purchase orders to Psybus Psychological Consultants and Dr. Jay S. Witherell in a total estimated amount of \$20,000.00 per year for a period of three (3) years with an option to renew for an additional two (2) year period upon mutual agreement between the City and firm(s).

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 THE PURCHASE OF BODY ARMOR AND RELATED EQUIPMENT TO CMP DISTRIBUTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,928.90 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FUTURE BUDGETED PURCHASES. CMR 11-15-106

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to CMP Distributors for Armor Express body armor and related equipment in the amount of \$94,928.90; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council authorizes future budgeted purchases for body armor and related equipment to CMP Distributors representing Armor Express under the same terms and conditions with negotiated price increase not to exceed 10% per year (beginning at year 3) for a period of five (5) years.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Councilmember Bridges inquired about the resolution of one of the cases as it has been part of the report for quite some time. Attorney Joppich responded that the case in question has been appealed several times and while the City has received several favorable orders on the case, the appeals have taken some time.

The City Attorney Report was received by Council.

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Massey mentioned potential topics for the next regular City Council meeting of November 23, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Massey adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk