

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING (VIA TELECONFERENCE)
JULY 13, 2020 – 7:30 PM
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Barnett via teleconference at 7:30pm.

Council Members Present: Barnett, Boleware, Bridges, Knol, Massey, Newlin and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Mekjian, Directors Mondora, Monico and Schnackel, Police Chief King and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barnett led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

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

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PROCLAMATION HONORING LONGTIME RESIDENT BISHOP PHILIP R. JACKSON

The following proclamation was ready by Councilmember Boleware:

PROCLAMATION

Honoring the Elevation of Bishop Philip R. Jackson

Greater Seth Temple Church of God in Christ

July 2020

WHEREAS, Bishop Philip R. Jackson of the Greater Seth Temple Church of God in Christ has recently received a promotion to the office of Auxiliary Bishop within the denomination of the Church of God in Christ (COGIC), which is the largest Pentecostal denomination in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Church of God in Christ has more than 12,000 churches and over five million members in the U.S. alone and can be found in more than 100 nations; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Seth Temple Church of God in Christ is located in the City of Farmington Hills and also serves as a polling place for the citizens of Farmington Hills; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Philip R. Jackson has been a pastor at the Greater Seth Temple Church of God in Christ for more than 33 years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills celebrates this esteemed honor and recognizes the contributions that Bishop Jackson has made to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Vicki Barnett, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby honor long-time Farmington Hills resident **Bishop Philip R. Jackson** on the achievement of his promotion and do hereby recognize his dedication to his parishioners and his commitment to the betterment of humanity.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

- Correspondence from Mr. DeWard, which has been provided to the City Manager and City Attorney for review.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Smith acknowledged a minor correction to the minutes to reflect that Councilmember Bridges was absent from one of the motions and roll call made.

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

City Clerk Smith read the following update provided by County Commissioner Gershenson:

County Executive Dave Coulter and the Board of Commissioners have approved relief for homeowners from the Federal CARES funding for residents who have fallen behind on their rent, mortgage or utility payments because of a lost job or income reduction due to COVID-19. Applications and eligibility requirements are on line at oakgov.com and will be accepted through August 31.

Oakland County has partnered with Macomb County and Automation Alley to support manufacturers in providing critical Personal Protection Equipment for the Counties first responders, health care professionals and citizens. For more information go to the Automation Alley website, PPE grants.

All residents, age 10 and up, that have an artistic flare are invited to create original art or a video to promote the importance of practicing COVID-19 safety. This contest is open to original artwork submitted by the author in video, painting, drawing, photography, illustration and printmaking. A complete list of rules for the contest can be found at oakgov.com/covid contests. Deadline is July 20. There are cash prizes.

Everyone stay safe and MASK UP! thank you

Marcia Gershenson

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Council comments.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FROM SHIANGMI, LLC FOR THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF AN ESCROWED 2019 CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE AND SDM LICENSE WITH VARIOUS PERMITS LOCATED AT 31519 W. 12 MILE ROAD.

Kelly Allen, Attorney representing Shiangmi, LLC., explained that the request is for the transfer of ownership of a Class C license and SDM license with various permits located at 31519 W. 12 Mile Road, which was previously Chef's Table. All city departments have reviewed the request and have no objections. She spoke of her client's role in the business and business experience and mentioned that the new restaurant will be an authentic Asian restaurant. She also noted that the landlord will be investing additional money to rehabilitate the site and they are hoping to open in September.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby recommends approval to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for the request from Shiangmi, LLC for the transfer of ownership of an escrowed 2019 Class C and SDM Licensed Business with Specific Purpose (Food), Dance-Entertainment, Outdoor Service (1 Area) permits located at 31519 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A TRAILHEAD/PARK AT THE WOODSPRING SUITES HOTEL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT. CMR 7-20-80

Bryan Farmer, Deputy Director of Special Services, explained that staff is seeking approval to enter into an agreement with MDOT for the construction, maintenance and operation of a trailhead/park. It will be the first official trailhead off a federal highway in the State of Michigan that allows parking and access to a trail that borders a federal highway and will allow residents to park and provide a safe and accessible entry point onto the trail to bike and hike. Amenities will include water stations, bike racks, benches and kiosks. The project should be completed this fall or next spring.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering into contract #20-5109 with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the installation of a trailhead/non-motorized path at the Woodspring Suites Hotel (PUD 1, 2017).

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF CONVERTING THE SOFTWARE FOR TWO HIGH-SPEED CLIENT SCANNING UNITS TO FULL SERVER UNITS FOR PROCESSING ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

City Clerk Smith explained that when new election equipment was purchased state wide, the city purchased two high speed scanning units in order to process absentee ballots for elections. With the passing of Proposal 3 and no-reason absentee voting, it was anticipated that additional units would be needed to accommodate the increase in absentee ballots expected, particularly in the Presidential Election year and at that time two client servers were purchased to handle that expected increase. With the push for absentee voting due to concerns surrounding COVID, it was determined that the client servers would not be sufficient to handle the sudden increase in absentee ballots. Clerk Smith stated that she is requesting that the clients are upgraded to full servers to accommodate the demand. Funding is available through the general fund at this time but the city will be seeking reimbursement of costs for the upgrade as part of the COVID grant funding.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Clerk to request the conversion of the two client high speed units used for processing absentee ballots to full server units through Hart Intercivic in the amount of \$54,690 each for a total of \$109,380.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0

CONSENT AGENDA
RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR OLDE TOWN PARK TO SINCLAIR RECREATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$132,000. CMR 7-20-81

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Sinclair recreation for playground equipment and improvements in the amount of \$132,000.00 (\$120,000 + \$12,000 contingency).

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING
MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2020.**

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council regular session meeting minutes of June 22, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Boyer provided the following update:

- City hall is open to the public and all people coming in to the building are required to wear a mask per the Governor's Executive Order.
- Reminder that fireworks are only permitted to be set off around certain holidays throughout the year and that time has passed so it is illegal to be setting off fireworks at this time.

ATTORNEY REPORT

City Council received the Attorney Report.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 8:05pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk