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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER
NOVEMBER 9, 2026 – 7:30 PM

The regular session of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Rich at 7:31PM.

Councilmembers Present: Aldred, Boleware, Bridges, Dwyer, Knol, Rich and Starkman

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mondora, City Clerk Lindahl, Directors Aranowski, Brown, Kettler-Schmult, and Skrobola, Police Chief Piggott, Fire Chief Unruh and City Attorney Saarela

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The pledge of allegiance was led by Colonel Edward Hirsch.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

MOTION by Bridges, support by Starkman, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular session agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 11, 2026 AS VETERANS DAY
The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Dwyer and accepted by Colonel Edward Hirsch.

PROCLAMATION
Veterans Day
Nov. 11, 2026

WHEREAS, throughout the course of history, courageous men and women have taken up arms to secure, defend and maintain the core principles upon which our nation's freedoms depend; and,

WHEREAS, since our nation's founding, more than 41 million men and women have stepped forward to serve their country during times of peace and times of war and conflict; and,

WHEREAS, the veterans who served in the military have protected the American way of life and have dedicated themselves to achieving lasting peace throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, the spirit of freedom remains strong with over 1.3 million men and women currently on active duty and more than 800 thousand in the reserve forces, with many in harm's way fighting overseas; and,

WHEREAS, as a nation, we are eternally grateful for the noble sacrifices made by our veterans, and we honor and respect them for their service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Theresa Rich, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize our esteemed veterans in acknowledgment of **Veterans Day 2026,** and urge all residents to pause and reflect, this November and throughout the year, on the sacrifices of those who have served their country.

Mayor Rich noted that Colonel Hirsch would be giving a presentation, *The Missing Man,* at the Veterans Day Celebration on Wednesday November 11, 11:00am, at the Costick Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS FROM CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS
UPDATE FROM THE FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Farmington Community Library Board President Ernie McClellan provided City Council with an update on library operations, finances, services, usage statistics, and ongoing facility renovations.

The Library Board of Trustees consists of eight members, with four appointed by the City of Farmington and four by the City of Farmington Hills. Collectively, the Board offers extensive professional experience and dedication to the Library.

Library revenues have continued to increase alongside property tax revenues. The library's existing summer millage was renewed in 2024 with support from more than 70 percent of district voters. The fiscal year 2025 operating budget was approximately $8.3 million, with 86 percent of revenue generated through property taxes and nearly five percent from investments and interest income. The Board is working to increase memorial contributions and gifts to reduce reliance on taxpayer funding.

Salaries and staffing represent a significant portion of expenditures. Although capital expenditures have increased due to facility improvements, the library has accumulated sufficient reserves to fund current renovation projects through its general fund.

President McClellan highlighted the benefits of library cards, which are available to individuals who live, work, attend school, or own property within the district. The library operates without overdue fines, offering physical and digital materials, electronic devices, interlibrary loans, educational resources, and recreational items.

Services included with library cards included Brainfuse HelpNow for online tutoring, games and puzzles available for checkout, Hoopla for digital entertainment and streaming content, Udemy for professional development and career skills, and many others.

For the most recent fiscal year, President McClellan reported the following statistics:

- Approximately 768,000 physical items circulated, with total circulation estimated at one million or more when digital materials are included.
- 36,886 active borrowers, an increase of 16.7 percent.
- 363,109 library visits, an increase of 2.8 percent.
- 1,321 live programs attended by 42,881 participants.
- Approximately 45,000 public computer sessions, including use of personal devices at the Library.

The Library has served the community for 113 years. The Farmington Hills branch opened in 1972 and underwent a significant renovation in 2003, while the Farmington branch opened in 1975 and has remained largely unchanged. The Board is undertaking renovations to modernize both facilities and

better accommodate current community needs. Improvements include an outdoor reading garden, small group study rooms, and a redesigned children's department at the Farmington Hills location, and an outdoor amphitheater and children's area at the Farmington branch. Completion is anticipated in fall 2027. Both locations will remain operational during construction, with temporary closures as necessary to address safety concerns.

President McClellan recognized the Friends of the Library for supporting library programming and operating a used bookstore. He encouraged residents to become involved through farmlib.org/friends and to provide feedback through farmlib.org/contact.

Councilmember Bridges thanked President McClellan and the Library Board for their leadership and service. Noting that City Council does not have jurisdiction over Library operations, he expressed appreciation for the Library's contributions to the community.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION TIP OF THE MONTH

Emergency Preparedness Commissioner Mike Sweeney provided the monthly preparedness update, noting the beginning of Winter Hazards Awareness Week and focusing on the importance of preparing homes, vehicles, and neighborhoods for the upcoming winter season. He encouraged residents to review and replenish their emergency preparedness kits. He highlighted the following items:

- The importance of checking on elderly or vulnerable neighbors during severe weather, and establishing emergency contact arrangements with neighbors and their family members.
- The importance of having vehicles serviced before winter, particularly checking batteries and radiator fluid to ensure reliable operation during extreme cold.
- The annual Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) nationwide emergency alert system test is scheduled for November 17 at 2:20pm EST. Residents were encouraged to observe how emergency notifications are delivered through televisions, weather radios, and other communication systems.
- Mr. Sweeney recommended purchasing calcium chloride ice melt in advance of severe winter weather, explaining that this product remains effective at lower temperatures than conventional rock salt. Supplies became difficult to obtain during last winter's extreme cold; it is better to purchase this product early.

Mr. Sweeney concluded that advance preparation, attention to neighbors, and adequate emergency supplies can help residents safely navigate winter weather conditions.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Knol, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the consent agenda item 9 as published.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas:	ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN
Nays:	NONE
Absent:	NONE
Abstentions:	NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION by Knol, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the consent agenda items 10 and 11 as published.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas:	ALDRED, BOLEWARE, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN
Nays:	NONE
Absent:	NONE
Abstentions:	BRIDGES

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rich asked everyone to be aware of sewer grates being clogged by leaves, causing flooding during fall rains and winter icing. Residents can act as good neighbors by clearing accumulated leaves from sewer grates when possible.

Mayor Rich noted that one of City Council's goals for the year is to sponsor a community conversation on homelessness. This conversation is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, from noon to 2:00pm at The Hawk.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Mondora provided an update on the new activity center project:

- The project remains in the site evaluation and conceptual design phase. The staff steering committee is working with the Neumann Smith architecture team to develop early concept drawings, which will continue to evolve based on the extensive community input gathered through engagement sessions, surveys, and needs assessments. Formal blueprints and construction drawings have not yet been developed.
- Preserving all existing senior programming and services remains a key consideration, including meals, fitness activities, social gatherings, events, and essential support services.
- The next step in the process is to select a construction manager, with City Council scheduled to consider the contract award at its November 23 meeting. The construction manager will work alongside the architecture team to provide real-time cost estimating, value engineering, life cycle cost analysis, and budget monitoring throughout the design development phase.
- To keep everyone informed the City is launching a dedicated project webpage at www.fhgov.com/newactivitiescenter, which includes frequently asked questions, project timelines, and updates. Additional information will be provided through The Messenger newsletter. Residents may also submit questions to NewActivitiesCenter@fhgov.com.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34, "ZONING," ARTICLE 6, "DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES," SECTION 34-6.1, "SITE PLAN REVIEW," TO REVISE, CONSOLIDATE, AND RESTATE THE

PROCEDURES, STANDARDS, AND REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE SUBMISSION, REVIEW, PROCESSING, CONSIDERATION, DECISION-MAKING, DURATION OF SITE PLANS IN THE CITY; ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 1, 2026. CMR 11-26-143

Director of Planning and Community Development Kettler-Schmult introduced the proposed amendments to Chapter 34, Zoning along with a companion City Code amendment. The item was before Council for introduction and, if advanced, would return for enactment at the next Council meeting. Planning Consultant Ben Carlisle, Carlisle-Wortman, would present this request.

Consultant Carlisle explained that an audit of the City's Zoning Ordinance identified opportunities to improve the site plan review process. Site plan submissions encompass building placement, parking, landscaping, lighting, elevations, engineering documents, and related materials. Existing requirements are dispersed among the Zoning Ordinance, City Code, and Engineering Standards, contributing to incomplete applications, inconsistent submissions, and additional staff and applicant time.

The proposed amendments are intended to establish a clear, consistent, fair, and predictable review process without lowering City development standards. The changes would consolidate applicable procedures in the Zoning Ordinance, establish uniform submission checklists and review standards, clarify expectations for applicants, and improve coordination among the Planning, Engineering, Building, and Fire departments. The amendments align with the City's adopted goals for customer service and strategic redevelopment.

The proposed Ordinance establishes two review pathways:

- Administrative site plan review would generally be limited to minor projects, such as accessory buildings, signs, temporary uses, landscape modifications, and other alterations that do not warrant Planning Commission review. However, the Zoning Administrator would have the authority to refer applications that otherwise qualify for administrative review to the Planning Commission when additional review is deemed necessary.
- Full site plan review, expected to apply to most development projects and major site improvements, would include preliminary and final site plan review by the Planning Commission. The amendments also define submission requirements at each stage, establish standards for evaluating applications, and specify time limits and expiration provisions for site plan approvals.

Consultant Carlisle acknowledged that implementing the new procedures would involve an initial learning curve for applicants, particularly smaller developers or those accustomed to the City's existing requirements. Although additional documentation may be required upfront, he anticipated that earlier identification of issues, coordinated departmental reviews, and reduced administrative delays would ultimately save time and expense for applicants and the City.

Public Hearing

Mayor Rich opened the public hearing.

Terry Sever, White Lake, Michigan, expressed concerns regarding the City's administrative approval procedures. He described delays involving a lot split application he had submitted approximately five months earlier, noting that similar applications in other communities were typically completed within two months. Mr. Sever questioned whether administrative requirements were consistent with the City's Ordinances and applicable state law. He pointed out that only City Council has authority to amend

Ordinances, and urged Council to ensure the proposed site plan review procedures do not permit administrative staff to impose requirements beyond those established by Ordinance.

As no other public indicated they wished to speak, Mayor Rich closed the public hearing.

Council discussion
Councilmember Dwyer acknowledged Mr. Sever's previous service to the City as council member and Mayor. He had met with Mr. Sever regarding his concerns and had referred him to City Manager Mondora. Subsequent feedback suggested Mr. Sever had been satisfied with the City's efforts to move his application forward.

Councilmember Dwyer expressed strong support for the proposed Ordinance amendments, noting longstanding concerns from residents regarding lengthy review and approval processes. The revisions would provide clearer standards, streamline procedures, improve efficiency, and establish a more predictable and consistent process for applicants.

Director Kettler-Schmult explained that the City is also beginning a separate review of its Land Division Ordinances as part of the broader Zoning Ordinance audit. She noted that site plan review procedures had not been comprehensively updated in more than 35 years. While experienced staff had historically maintained consistency in interpreting and applying these requirements, recent staffing changes have underscored the need for clearer, codified standards to ensure consistent application going forward.

Councilmember Knol thanked staff and Planning Consultant Carlisle for their work. She supported treating developers as partners in achieving quality development. She supported allowing administrative approval of minor site plan modifications, noting that requiring Planning Commission review for routine changes can create unnecessary delays and expenses.

Councilmember Knol also emphasized the importance of pre-development meetings involving applicants and relevant City departments. Early discussions would help establish mutual understanding of project scope, investment, scheduling, City requirements, and approval timelines, thereby reducing misunderstandings and improving development outcomes.

Councilmember Knol noted that the City Attorney is researching the issue brought forward by Mr. Sever.

Councilmember Bridges said that while improving efficiency and considering the developer's perspective are important, the City must also prioritize the impact of development projects on residents and the surrounding community. He requested additional clarification regarding the Zoning Administrator's authority to approve site plans administratively, and the relationship of that authority to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

Director Kettler-Schmult was not aware of any conflict between the proposed procedures and the Zoning Enabling Act. Administrative site plan review is already permitted under the City's existing Ordinances. However, the proposed amendments would more clearly identify the circumstances under which the Zoning Administrator may approve applications. Projects requiring waivers, discretionary determinations, or other matters within the Planning Commission's authority would be referred to the Planning Commission for consideration through the public review process.

Councilmember Bridges supported the proposed amendments and the goal of establishing a faster, fairer, and more predictable site plan review process. He also reiterated the importance of ensuring that community interests receive equal consideration alongside those of developers. Development efficiency needed to be balanced against community input and protections.

Consultant Carlisle acknowledged Councilmember Bridges' concerns. The proposed amendments are also intended to benefit residents by providing more complete application materials and clearer information about proposed developments. These improvements would help residents better evaluate projects and participate meaningfully in the review process.

Mayor Pro Tem Boleware pointed out that Council had discussed the proposed Ordinance changes extensively during study sessions and she was comfortable with the proposed amendments.

MOTION by Boleware, support by Starkman, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an Ordinance to amend the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34, "Zoning," Article 6, "Development Procedures," Section 34-6.1, "Site Plan Review," to revise, consolidate, and restate the procedures, standards, and requirements relating to the submission, review, processing, consideration, decision-making, duration of site plans in the City; Zoning Text Amendment 1, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas:	ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN
Nays:	NONE
Absent:	NONE
Abstentions:	NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 21, "PLANNING," ARTICLE II, "CITY PLANNING COMMISSION," SECTION 21-35, "ZONING PROPOSALS; PROCEDURES," TO CHANGE THE TITLE TO ZONING AMENDMENT PROPOSALS; PROCEDURES; AND ARTICLE III, "SITE PLAN REGULATIONS," TO CHANGE THE TITLE TO LAND USE APPROVALS AND REVISE THE REGULATIONS THEREIN TO REFER TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROCEDURES; CITY CODE AMENDMENT 1, 2026. CMR 11-26-143

Director of Planning and Community Development Kettler-Schmult explained that the proposed amendments would remove duplicate site plan regulations from Chapter 21 and consolidate the applicable requirements within Chapter 34 of the Zoning Ordinance. The amendments would also revise the relevant section titles and establish references to the updated zoning procedures.

Public Hearing

Mayor Rich opened the public hearing.

As no public indicated they wished to speak, Mayor Rich closed the public hearing and brought the matter back to Council for deliberation and/or a motion.

MOTION by Aldred, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an Ordinance to amend the City of Farmington Hills Code Of Ordinances Chapter 21, "Planning," Article II, "City Planning Commission," Section 21-35, "Zoning Proposals;

Procedures," to change the title to Zoning Amendment Proposals; Procedures; and Article III, "Site Plan Regulations," to change the title to land use approvals and revise the regulations therein to refer to the Zoning Ordinance procedures; City Code Amendment 1, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-6-2026 TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, "ANIMALS," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REPEAL SECTIONS 6-10, "FEEDING OF PIGEONS, GULLS AND CANADA GEESE-PROHIBITED" AND 6-11, "DEER FEEDING-PROHIBITED"; AND SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

Director of Planning and Community Development Kettler-Schmult explained that the repeal was necessary to bring the City's regulations into compliance with State wildlife feeding regulations that became effective in July. Repealing the local provisions would eliminate conflicting regulations and leave the State requirements governing wildlife feeding in effect.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Starkman, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-6-2026 to amend Chapter 6, "Animals," Article I, "In General," of the City of Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances, to repeal Sections 6-10, "Feeding of Pigeons, Gulls and Canada Geese-Prohibited" and 6-11, "Deer Feeding-Prohibited"; and summary for publication.

Mayor Rich said that she would vote against this motion as a protest of the state legislation, with which she disagreed.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, AND STARKMAN
Nays: RICH
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-1.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FIREFIGHTER PREVENTATIVE HEALTH SCREENING GRANT. CMR 11-26-144

Fire Chief Unruh presented a request for approval to participate in the State of Michigan Firefighter Preventative Health Screening Grant, developed through efforts of the Michigan Professional Firefighters Union and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. The Fire Department had applied for and received preliminary approval for a $49,325 grant to provide comprehensive preventative health screenings for all career firefighters, with a particular focus on cardiac health and

cancer detection. These screenings would provide more extensive diagnostic testing than the physical examinations currently provided to firefighters every two to three years, depending on age.

Mayor Rich expressed appreciation for the grant opportunity and emphasized the importance of protecting firefighters' health.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Fire Department to participate in the State of Michigan Firefighter Preventative Health Screening Grant.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF BUDGETED PURCHASE OF AS NEEDED BODY ARMOR AND CONCEALABLE VEST AND CARRIER TO ALLIE BROTHERS UNIFORMS FOR TWO (2) YEARS, WITH EXTENSIONS BY MUTUAL CONSENT. CMR 11-26-145.

Director of Central Services Aranowski presented this request to approve the budgeted purchase of body armor and concealable vests and carriers from Allie Brothers Uniforms.

Director Aranowski reported that requests for proposals were advertised in the Oakland Press and posted on the MITN website, with bids publicly opened on October 22, 2026. Notifications were sent to 357 vendors, including 97 businesses representing minority, women, veteran, disabled, disadvantaged, or service disabled ownership categories. One proposal was received.

National Institute of Justice guidelines recommend replacing body armor every five years to maintain safety and material integrity. Specifications required concealable vests providing Level II or IIIA firearm protection and an associated shirt carrier for each officer. Staff recommended Allie Brothers Uniforms, representing GH Armor Systems, based on the vests' lightweight construction, breathability, flexibility, durability, workmanship, and professional appearance. Allie Brothers Uniforms has successfully provided this equipment to the City for the past five years.

Police Chief Piggott emphasized the importance of providing properly fitted protective vests to officers. He outlined the Department's participation in the Federal Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The program provides reimbursement of up to 50% of eligible vest purchases. The Department has participated in the program since August 2000 and has received more than $280,000 in reimbursements to the City's General Fund. In October 2026, the department submitted $11,172 in expenditures for reimbursement and is awaiting a reported payment of $5,420.79.

MOTION by Boleware, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the budgeted purchases for body armor and related equipment to Allie Brothers Uniforms as needed for two (2) years and for an additional three (3) one-year extensions under the same terms and conditions, utilizing their contract price escalator, by mutual consent between the City of Farmington Hills and Allie Brothers Uniforms.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH TECHNICAL, PROFESSIONAL AND OFFICEWORKERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN (TPOAM). CMR 11-26-146

MOTION by Knol, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the Tentative Agreement with the Technical Professional Office Workers Association of Michigan (TPOAM), ratified by the parties and outlined in the City Manager's Report dated October 26, 2026 (CMR 11-26-146).

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2026.

MOTION by Knol, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council Study Session Minutes of October 26, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: BRIDGES

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2026.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council regular session minutes of October 26, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: BRIDGES

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rohit Seshadri, Farmington Hills resident, opposed the City's deer management program, raising concerns about transparency, resident involvement, and the use of lethal population control methods rather than sterilization. He questioned the City's spending priorities, the accuracy and completeness of its public survey, and the coordination of deer management efforts with neighboring communities. He

expressed concerns regarding public safety, potential liability, and the impact of the program on residents and wildlife.

Tom Sklut, Farmington Hills resident, expressed appreciation for the Costick Center's water aerobics program, emphasizing the program's physical, mental, and social benefits to him and his wife. He encouraged City Council to consider and celebrate residents of all ages in its planning for the future community center, particularly recognizing the contributions, experience, and needs of older adults. He emphasized the importance of ensuring seniors are valued as an integral part of the community rather than viewed as a burden.

Jenny Pike, Farmington Hills resident, expressed strong support for preserving the existing services and amenities of the Costick Center. She urged City Council to ensure the new facility maintains comparable pool size, dedicated senior activity space, and a kitchen for Meals on Wheels, emphasizing residents' concerns about potentially losing valued programs and services.

Kathleen Hayes-Parvin, Farmington Hills resident, was concerned about plans for the new community center. She urged City Council to preserve the existing programs and amenities offered at the Costick Center, including yoga, pickleball, Meals on Wheels, affordable congregate meals, and the senior boutique, and expressed concern that the replacement facility may not adequately maintain these services.

Nancy Genschaw, Farmington Hills resident, supported preserving the Costick Center's existing amenities, particularly the swimming pool, which she uses for health and exercise purposes. Noting that the pool is frequently crowded, she encouraged City Council to consider maintaining or increasing pool size in the new facility.

Dan Fantore, Farmington Hills resident, thanked City staff for improved communication regarding the proposed new activity center, but expressed concern that a reduced project budget could result in insufficient space and amenities. He emphasized the need for adequate pickleball courts, exercise and dance facilities, additional swimming lanes, winter walking opportunities including an indoor walking track, and a large gathering space to accommodate existing senior programs. He encouraged Council to consider alternative funding options, including bonding, to ensure the new facility meets the community's needs.

Tim Parvin, Farmington Hills resident, expressed appreciation for the decision not to relocate senior services to The HAWK and for improved communication regarding the new activity center. He asked about the reported reduction in the project budget. He emphasized the importance of preserving essential services, particularly Meals on Wheels, congregate meals, and adequate programming space. He encouraged Council to explore additional funding sources, including grants, bonding, and potential proceeds from the sale of the existing Costick Center property, rather than compromising the quality of the replacement facility.

Lori Darrow, Farmington Hills resident, read a statement on behalf of Janice Rushton, who expressed concern that the proposed reduction in facility size could eliminate essential senior programming and gathering spaces, limit kitchen and Meals on Wheels operations, and affect the facility's ability to accommodate emergency warming services and early voting. Ms. Rushton also questioned the proposed use of the gymnasium for large community events, citing potential scheduling conflicts and impacts on

recreational programs. She urged Council to reconsider the facility's design in order to preserve existing services.

Suzanne Dengiz, Farmington Hills resident, expressed concern that the proposed $25 million budget and 40,000 square foot facility may be insufficient to preserve the existing Costick Center programs and amenities. She urged City Council to maintain adequate space for congregate meals, Meals on Wheels operations, community events, wellness classes, and recreational activities, including pickleball, yoga, and dance. She emphasized the importance of maintaining the center's role in supporting seniors' physical health, social connections, and independence.

Glenn Trevisan, City of Farmington resident, thanked City Council and staff for their work on the proposed new activity center. He acknowledged that planning remains underway. He encouraged Council to remain responsive to residents' concerns and suggested that the community's history of supporting bond and millage proposals indicates a willingness to consider additional funding to meet seniors' needs.

Liane Kufchock, Farmington Hills resident, asked about the financial implications of constructing a new activity center while continuing to subsidize operations at The HAWK, which was originally intended to replace the Costick Center. She advocated relocating senior services to The HAWK, including adapting The HAWK's existing commercial kitchen for Meals on Wheels, rather than maintaining two geographically close activity centers. She expressed concern about the long term financial impact of operating both facilities, and emphasized the importance of preserving funding for other City priorities, including road maintenance.

Yuliyana Spirtus, West Bloomfield, expressed concerns regarding traffic safety on 14 Mile Road following construction of the roundabout near Orchard Lake Road, citing several dangerous incidents involving access to the Orchard Vale subdivision. Emphasizing that the subdivision has only one entrance and exit, she requested installation of a traffic signal at 14 Mile Road and Finnegan Street. She requested clarification on whom to contact to address these concerns, and referenced previous correspondence from West Bloomfield Township regarding this matter.

Terry Sever, White Lake, expressed continued concerns regarding the City's land division approval process, particularly the application of Sections 27-10 and 27-20 and additional requirements he believed exceeded those established by Ordinance. He had complied with all requested conditions, including submitting a tree survey and sidewalk escrow, but questioned the legality of the City's practice of requiring dedication of right of way as a condition of lot split approval. He requested that City Council direct the City Manager to review his application, address his concerns regarding compliance with state law, and provide an update on the status of his request.

City Manager Mondora confirmed that she was coordinating with the City Attorney to prepare a response to Mr. Sever.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular session of City Council meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk