

**MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER
AUGUST 10, 2026 – 7:30 PM**

The regular session of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Rich at 7:34PM.

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

Councilmembers Absent: Bridges

Others Present: Acting City Manager Mondora, City Clerk Lindahl, Directors Aranowski, Kettler-Schmult and Rushlow, Police Chief Piggott, Fire Chief Unruh and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Farmington Hills resident and Eagle Scout Cecilia Cardone.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

MOTION by Boleware, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby amends the agenda to correct the address in item #9, as follows:

9. Consideration of a request from MH Restaurant Group, LLC for the transfer of ownership of a 2026 Class C Liquor License with various permits to 31130 Orchard Lake Road.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

On behalf of the City, Mayor Rich recognized Ms. Cardone for her leadership and dedication demonstrated through her Eagle Scout project to restore the Old Mill historical marker in Farmington Hills.

Ms. Cardone explained that the project included reshingling the Old Mill historical marker roof, replacing boards, restraining the wood, and planting hostas around the base of the main structure. Ms. Cardone expressed gratitude for family members and scouts who helped with the project.

Mayor Rich provided Ms. Cardone with a Certificate of Recognition.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FARMINGTON HILLS NATIVE MEGAN KELLER, 2026 OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Knol:

**PROCLAMATION
Recognizing Farmington Hills native Megan Keller
2026 Olympic Gold Medalist, 2026 PWWHL Defender of the Year and Patron of Local Youth
Hockey
Aug. 10, 2026**

- WHEREAS,** The Olympics celebrate the best in sportsmanship, athleticism and competition, whose mission is to build a better and peaceful world by educating youth through sport and friendship; and
- WHEREAS,** the sport of hockey is loved and enjoyed by players of all genders, ages and abilities in our community and professionally with the Red Wings, and played in local rinks, including the Farmington Hills Ice Arena; and
- WHEREAS,** Farmington Hills native Megan Keller earned her second Gold Medal in Women's Hockey at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games where she scored the Golden Goal in Team USA's winning match against Canada; and
- WHEREAS,** with her world-class skills, team spirit, and competitive edge, Megan was also part of winning six International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championships, and was named the 2026 PWHL Defender of the Year; and
- WHEREAS,** she partnered with the NHL Foundation to create grants to empower local girls to enter the sport of hockey and serves as a role model to athletes on how to achieve success through teamwork, perseverance and rigorous training; and
- WHEREAS,** Megan Keller continues to bring great honor to our country in hockey and in the community, and who from Farmington Hills has become one of the world's best women's hockey players.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Theresa Rich, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby honor Megan Keller for embodying the commitment, team spirit and resilience that are characteristic of the Farmington Hills community, and wish for continued success in all her future endeavors, on and off the ice.

Megan's mother Lynn Keller accepted the proclamation on Megan's behalf. Ms. Keller shared Megan's disappointment that she could not be present, and said that Megan was honored to accept the proclamation and proud to be from Farmington Hills.

RECOGNITION OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES

Acting City Manager Mondora recognized City employees in attendance who were honored at the Annual Recognition and Service Awards on July 30th.

- Police Officers of the Year Officer Timothy Shingleton and Officer Devin Hunt for demonstrating extraordinary courage in heroic rescues and in safely resolving dangerous, complex incidents.
- Outstanding Employee of the Year Crime Data Analyst Avery Swickard for her incredible impact through data expertise and behind-the-scenes support.
- Firefighter of the Year Sergeant James Chesney for his professionalism, steady leadership, and mentoring at every level in the Fire Department.
- Outstanding Employee of the Year Senior HR Analyst Nidhi Parikh for helping guide the Human Resources Department through a major transformation with positivity, humility, and a team-focused approach.

Acting City Manager Mondora also recognized Outstanding Employees of the Year Parks and Golf Office Manager Colleen Pace and Accounting Specialist Brant Klassen, and Civilian Employee of the Year IT Systems Analyst Davin Asmar, who were not present.

Acting City Manager Mondora thanked Mayor Rich and City Council for their support and participation in the awards ceremony, and State Representative Samantha Steckloff for presenting awards. Acting City Manager Mondora noted that the 50th Annual Recognition and Service Awards would be held in 2027.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS FROM CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS
PRESENTATION OF THE FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Rich noted that correspondence received by Councilmembers that required action to be taken by the City is forwarded to the City Manager's Office.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, to approve the consent agenda as read.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Aldred thanked and congratulated CARES of Farmington Hills for the success of the annual CARES Duck Race & Family Fun Day fundraiser on August 5th.

Councilmember Aldred referenced the 2026 Transportation Asset Management Plan just passed on the Consent Agenda and noted that the City had already met or was on track to meet road improvements goals set for 2029. Councilmember Aldred recognized Director of Public Services Jacob Rushlow, City Engineer Mark Saksewski, and City staff for their work improving road conditions in the City.

Mayor Rich wished Farmington Hills resident William Holmes a happy 100th birthday.

Mayor Rich reported that the Feed the Need Community Dinner pilot was held on July 27th. The dinner was hosted by the Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Heartfelt Harvest, Iskcon Farmington Hills, and the American Legion Riders. Mayor Rich said about 50 people attended the dinner, and another dinner was planned for the next quarter.

Mayor Rich congratulated the Neighborhood House on the upcoming Sunrise Gala annual fundraiser on August 12th.

Mayor Rich announced that Walk the Hawk would take place on August 12th at 7:00pm. The walk would be held outside on the track or on the third floor, depending on weather.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Acting City Manager Mondora reported on the following:

- The annual Citywide Open House is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd at the City Municipal Campus. The free, family-focused event would take place from noon to 3:00pm, rain or shine.
- A new Special Services event, *The Hawk Experience: Play, Shop, Explore*, would be held on October 17th from noon to 4:00pm at The Hawk. The event would include a Michigan Maker's Market, guided tours of The Hawk, and the Fan Jam Final Four mobile engagement truck, offering a basketball themed experience.
- Congratulated Police Chief John Piggott for his appointment to the Michigan Community Corrections Board by Governor Whitmer.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

MOTION by Knol, support by Starkman, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to appoint the following individual to the following Board:

Zoning Board of Appeals

Tony Reames - Alternate

Length of Term:

Unexpired Term

Term ending:

February 1, 2028

Tony Reames will fill Satya Injeti's alternate seat, as Mr. Injeti had been moved to a full member seat.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A ONE-FAMILY CLUSTER OPTION AGREEMENT AND CONSERVATION EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR REVISED CLUSTER SITE PLAN 59-4-2019, CEDARS OF FARMINGTON ROAD. CMR 8-26-104

Director of Planning and Community Development Kettler-Schmult explained that the Cedars of Farmington Road development plan was for 10 detached homes on the site of the former Kendallwood Swim Club, which was now vacant. The One-Family Cluster Option Agreement and companion Conservation Easement Agreement were conditions of the approval of the development plan from City Council on May 11, 2026. The applicant was also present.

MOTION by Dwyer, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the One-Family Cluster Option Agreement and Conservation Easement Agreement for Revised Cluster Site Plan 59-4-2019, Cedars of Farmington and authorizes the Acting City Manager to sign on behalf of the City of Farmington Hills.

Mayor Rich noted that Council had discussed this item several times.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF FIRST MODIFICATION TO CONSENT JUDGMENT #94 – SAFEWAY ACQUISITION COMPANY, LOCATED AT 37500 TWELVE MILE. CMR 8-26-105

Director of Planning and Community Development Kettler-Schmult explained that the applicant was requesting a modification to the Consent Judgment in order to make site modifications that included façade and landscaping updates. The applicant was also present.

Councilmember Knol said she supported the façade and landscaping updates, but emphasized the importance of landscaping maintenance and weed removal along 12 Mile Road, including at this location.

MOTION by Knol, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the first modification to Consent Judgment #94 for 37500 Twelve Mile Road and authorizes the City Attorney to sign on behalf of the City.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED “CITY SEALS, LOGOS, AND FLAGS” TO PROHIBIT USE OF THE CITY’S OFFICIAL SEAL, LOGOS, AND FLAG FOR PRIVATE COMMERCIAL USE. CMR 8-26-106

Mayor Rich noted that there had been a robust discussion of this item at a recent Study Session.

City Attorney Joppich explained that the draft ordinance included updates requested by City Council at the Study Session, including the ability to provide permission to use City logos, and the ability of City service providers and consultants to use City logos for work being done for the City but not for advertising for work in other communities. City Attorney Joppich noted that the ordinance covered the City seal that is embossed on key documents in the City Clerk’s office, the City flag, and all existing and future City logos.

Councilmember Aldred agreed that the updated draft ordinance captured City Council discussion and was a good step towards preventing third parties from using City logos for their own commercial gain.

MOTION by Aldred, support by Starkman, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an Ordinance to add a new chapter entitled “CITY SEALS, LOGOS, AND FLAGS” to prohibit use of the City’s official seal, logos, and flag for private commercial use.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2026.

MOTION by Knol, support by Starkman, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the appointment of Councilmember Jackie Boleware to be the voting delegate for the Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting to be held on October 7, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM MH RESTAURANT GROUP, LLC FOR THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF A 2026 CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE WITH VARIOUS PERMITS TO 31130 ORCHARD LAKE ROAD.

City Clerk Lindahl explained that the applicant was requesting the transfer of ownership of a 2026 Class C Liquor License from another community for Zarzoor Prime, a proposed full-service restaurant at 31130 Orchard Lake Road. The license included AM and PM Sunday Sales, a Dance Entertainment permit, and Outdoor Service. The request has been routed to all departments and no objections were raised.

Attorney Brandon Kastaw was present on behalf of the request. Owner Wael Yousif was also present.

Mr. Katz explained that Zarzoor is an upscale Middle Eastern restaurant, and that the proposed restaurant would be an elevated version of the popular Zarzoor restaurant located in Sterling Heights. Mr. Katz had menu items, the floor plan, the site plan and other documents available for review.

Mr. Yousif said the proposed restaurant would be upscaled to serve the community, and that they looked forward to coming to Farmington Hills. A May 2027 opening was planned.

MOTION by Dwyer, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts the resolution for APPROVAL to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for the request from MH Restaurant Group LLC to transfer ownership of a 2026 Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales (AM & PM), Dance Entertainment, and Outdoor Service permits to Zarzoor to be located at 31130 Orchard Lake Road.

Mayor Pro-Tem Boleware welcomed the applicant to Farmington Hills and noted that Orchard Lake Road was becoming an international mile of various ethnic foods and shops.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM MOSLEM SHRINERS FOR THE TRANSFER OF LOCATION OF A 2026 CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE WITH VARIOUS PERMITS TO 37987 INTERCHANGE DRIVE.

City Clerk Lindahl explained that the applicant was requesting the transfer of a 2026 Class C Liquor License from another community. The request has been routed to all departments and no objections were raised.

Robert Pate, Moslem Shriners, explained that the Moslem Shriners were located in Southfield until COVID and subsequently spent two years located in Novi while they looked for a new home. Mr. Pate said the Moslem Shriners were the only fraternal order that owns their own philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children, with 22 medical centers and 150 clinic locations around the world. The Farmington Hills Moslem Shriner Temple cares for 1,200 children with 650 in active care in an eleven-county area using eight different hospitals, and was also serving international patients who come to their hospitals for care.

Mr. Pate said rentals of the building would be limited. The building is primarily for fraternal use and for fundraising. A cornhole league would also meet in the building. Members of the fraternity have Safe Serve certificates for alcohol and food. He reminded everyone that the medical care was provided to children cost-free, and the Moslem Shriners were looking forward to being a member of the Farmington Hills community.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts the resolution for APPROVAL to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for the request from Moslem Shriners to transfer location of a 2026 Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales (PM) and Dance-Entertainment permits, with the addition of a new Sunday Sales (AM) permit to 37987 Interchange Drive.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF AN APPEAL OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS DATED JUNE 24 AND JUNE 29, 2026.

City Attorney Joppich explained that the appeals were two appeals of FOIA determinations made regarding the disclosure of police records that were filed by Karen Hamama. City Attorney Joppich asked if the appellant was present, and there was no response.

City Attorney Joppich referenced the original requests and the response issued by the City, and explained that certain personal information was redacted from police records according to the Crime Victims Act and Child Protection Law, which was an exception under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.

City Attorney Joppich said he did not see a basis in the materials provided by the appellant for why the decision to redact was wrong considering those factors.

MOTION by Aldred, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby affirms the partial denial of Karen Hamama's June 24, 2026, FOIA request and her June 30, 2026 FOIA request and resulting redactions to the City records provided to her and direct the City Clerk to issue formal written notice of this decision to Ms. Hamama pursuant to MCL 15.240, for the following reasons:

1. The redactions applied by the Police Department are legally permissible under FOIA Subsections 13(1)(a), 13(1)(b)(iii), and 13(1)(d), because:
 - the redacted information includes highly sensitive medical information, specific abuse allegations, and the identities of accused parties;
 - releasing such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy of a minor child, uncharged individuals, and reporting medical professionals; and
 - the redactions are required to comply with and otherwise legally supported under the Michigan Crime Victim's Rights Act and the Michigan Child Protection Law.
2. Disclosing the medical information, abuse allegations, and identities of the accused parties in this matter would shed no light on the operations of the Farmington Hills Police Department, which runs contrary to the core purpose of the Freedom of Information Act.
3. Ms. Hamama has not provided any basis or information showing that the City erroneously or improperly redacted information from the records provided to her.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2026 – 2029 TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION. CMR 8-26-107

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby accepts the 2026 Transportation Asset Management Plan and provides a signed resolution and copy of the TAMP to the Transportation Asset Management Council, as required by Public Act 325 of 2018.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF SINGLE AND TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK PARTS, RELATED EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO TRUCK AND TRAILER SPECIALTIES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED THE ANNUAL BUDGETED AMOUNT AND NOT-TO-EXCEED A TOTAL OF FIVE YEARS. CMR 8-26-108

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to approve a purchase order with Truck and Trailer Specialties Inc. for truck parts and repair services in an amount not-to-exceed the annual budgeted amount and not-to-exceed a total of five (5) years.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF FIRE ENGINE FRAME AND SUSPENSION REPAIRS TO R&R FIRE TRUCK REPAIRS INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,369.68. CMR 8-26-109

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to issue a purchase order to R&R Fire Truck Repairs Inc., for frame rust mitigation and associated suspension repairs, in the amount of \$31,369.68.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR ATHLETE LAB'S MEGAN KELLER DAY TO BE HELD AUGUST 20, 2026.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for Athlete Lab's Megan Keller Day to be held August 20, 2026 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at Athlete Lab, located at 23955 Freeway Park Drive, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- The event is open to the public and expecting 1000 people
- One (1) 40' x 60' tent will be on the applicant's property
- Three (3) food trucks on property
- There is no issue for a partial closure of Freeway Park Drive
- There will be no obstruction preventing emergency vehicles from entering the property at any time
- Proponent shall contact the Fire Department to schedule food truck(s) inspection
- No parking within 20' of any tent
- Egress shall be maintained throughout the building
- Fire lanes shall not be blocked or restricted
- Cooking/open flame devices shall not be used under tents and shall be at least 20' away
- Food trucks shall operate according to NFPA and Fire Prevention Code standards, and specifically:
 - ☐ Ensure that fuel tanks are filled to the capacity needed for uninterrupted operation for the duration of the event
 - ☐ All connections/piping shall be checked for leaks prior to operating

- ☐ Any cooking system which produces grease laden vapors shall be protected by listed fire extinguishing equipment
- ☐ Fire extinguishers shall be installed and maintained according to NFPA 10
- NHL Street Hockey inflatable shall be properly anchored according to manufacturers' recommendation to prevent movement during unexpected winds
- All applicable permits shall be applied for through the Building Department
- Proponent must contact Fire Prevention to schedule an inspection prior to beginning the event
- Event shall comply with minimum Fire Prevention Code requirements
- All obstruction, tables, yard games, shall be placed on one side of the street
- Barricades shall be removed immediately upon an emergency
- Those responsible for removing the barricades shall be designated and understands their responsibility prior to the event
- Suburban Sports Enterprises LLC dba Athletic Lab shall agree/acknowledge that blocking of the street may delay emergency response
- ROAD CLOSED AHEAD signs should have a "Freeway Pk" sign below them
- ROAD CLOSED AHEAD signs should be closer to the main access points of 10 Mile Road and Halsted Road to give enough advance warning (see attached)
- Required electrical permit for Fairs/and Festival safety inspection from the city's electrical inspector. Inspection will need to schedule during working hours the day before the event

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL DAY TO THEIR FOOD TRUCK TUESDAYS, THAT BEING SEPTEMBER 1, 2026.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for the Farmington Community Library to add an additional day to their Food Truck Tuesdays on September 4, 2026 from 5pm to 7pm at the Farmington Community Library located at 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- There will be parking on the property
- The applicant is expecting approximately 100 participants every Tuesday
- There will be three (3) 10x10 tents on site as well as two (2) food trucks
- The applicant has not asked for assistance from the Police Department and no issue with emergency vehicle access
- There will be no parking within 20' of any tent

- Egress shall be maintained throughout the building
- Fires lanes shall not be blocked or restricted
- Cooking/open flame devices shall not be used under tents and shall be at least 20' away
- Proponent shall contact the Fire Department to discuss the food truck inspection process
- Food trucks shall operate according to NFPA and Fire Prevention Code standards, and specifically:
 - ☐ Ensure that fuel tanks are filled to the capacity needed for uninterrupted operation for the duration of the event
 - ☐ All connections/piping shall be checked for leaks prior to operating
 - ☐ Any cooking system which produces grease laden vapors shall be protected by listed fire extinguishing equipment
 - ☐ Fire extinguishers shall be installed and maintained according to NFPA 10
- All applicable permits shall be applied for through the Building Department
- Event shall comply with minimum Fire Prevention Code requirements
- If the event utilizes a driveway closure at 12 Mile, it should be clearly delineated with drums or cones to ensure motorists understand the access point is closed

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE ISKCON ANNUAL BIRTH FESTIVAL OF KRISHNA TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 4 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6, 2026.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for ISKCON Farmington Hills to hold the Annual Birth Festival of Krishna on Friday, September 4 through Sunday, September 6, 2026, from 5:00pm to 10:00pm at ISKCON Farmington Hills, located at 36600 Grand River Avenue, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- There will be twenty-six (26) 10x10 tents onsite used for seating and for vendors selling merchandise
- There will be a stage setup for live music and applicant was advised about loud music local ordinance
- The applicant is expecting 1,200 people each day, which will be open to the public
- Both entrances will be open for emergency vehicles in case the need arises
- The applicant has not asked for assistance from the police department
- No parking within 20' of any tent. Further, the west drive shall remain clear from Grand River to Lochdale for emergency vehicles
- Egress from the facility shall not be restricted

- Fire lane shall not be blocked or restricted
 - ☐ Temporary “NO PARKING FIRE LANE” signs shall be put up along Lochdale and Independence Office Drive on 9/4, 9/5 & 9/6
- Cooking/open flame devices shall not be used under tents
- **Proponent must contact Fire Prevention prior to beginning event to schedule a site inspection**
- Event shall comply with minimum Fire Prevention Code requirements
- ISKCON Farmington Hills has received permission from Middela LLC to use their two parking lots for visitors

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2026.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council study session minutes of July 13, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2026.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council regular session minutes of July 13, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS SPECIAL JOINT STUDY SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2026.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby

approves the City Council, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals special joint study session minutes of July 20, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Rich read an email comment from Charles Blackwell, pursuant to the Michigan Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, who wrote, "Good evening. I had a medical emergency a few weeks ago, and all the EMS units were temporarily tied up on other runs since it was a busy time period around 4 p.m. Paramedics made the scene via fire truck, but I had to wait until an EMS unit made the scene since I needed to go to the hospital via stretcher. Fire Chief Unruh needs to come to Council and explain to the public how many EMS units are typically available and what happens when an EMS unit is not available."

Steven Ludwig, Farmington Hills resident, made observations about several development projects in the City and their impact on traffic.

Pamela Santo, Farmington Hills resident, shared pictures of deer taken in her yard and asked for an update on deer culling in the City, noting that she had been unable to make contact with Deputy Special Services Director Farmer about an update. Ms. Santo, a Moran Street resident whose property borders the Tawheed Center, said that the fence between the Tawheed Center and her property was in disarray and overgrown on the Tawheed Center side of the fence. Ms. Santo said that nuisance animals and pests came through gaps in and under the fence and then under her shed, and that Tawheed dumpsters need to be taken care of. Ms. Santo said that she would like a masonry wall installed on the property line.

Mayor Rich asked Acting City Manager Mondora to address the issue with Code Enforcement and Ms. Santo, and provide an update on the deer.

Michael Harris, Farmington Hills resident, said he was on the Beautification Committee, but was speaking as a member of the Farmington Hills community. Mr. Harris said the Beautification Committee and award ceremony have served the community well for years, but there were disturbing trends over the last eight years, and there should be updates to continue to serve with excellence. He asked City Council to be open to new ideas, saying that he would share concerns at this meeting and solutions during the next City Council meeting. Mr. Harris expressed his concerns with the ceremony stating that the ceremony does not represent the community and did not educate the community on environmentally friendly practices, which is one of its main purposes as listed in the Bylaws.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

The City Attorney Report was received by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular session of City Council meeting adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk