

**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION**  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2024 – 6:00PM**  
**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**31555 W ELEVEN MILE ROAD**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN**  
**Telephone: 248-871-2410 Website: [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com)**

1. Call Study Session to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Discussion on the replacement of the [Farmington/Farmington Hills Multi-Cultural Multi-Racial Community Council \(MCMR\)](#)
4. Adjourn Study Session

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk

Reviewed by:

Gary Mekjian, City Manager

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OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Gary Mekjian, City Manager 

DATE: November 4, 2024

RE: Replacement of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural  
Multiracial Community Council (MCMR)

City Council reviewed the referenced during its January 2024 goal session with a priority “B”. City Council last discussed this item at its June 10, 2024, study session (memo and minutes attached). City Council concluded at that meeting it wanted to continue the discussion and requested the City Manager to invite Karen Bolson and Tom Shurtleff to the meeting to provide historical context of MCMR. In addition, City Council requested the City Manager to research what other communities are doing in this space. Both Ms. Bolson and Mr. Shurtleff have been invited to attend tonight's meeting. Staff has also included the requested information from other communities.

### **City Comparables**

Below is a list of a few cities in Michigan and how they are working towards improving diversity and inclusivity:

City of Livonia: [Human Relations Commission](#)

Sterling Heights: [commUNITY Alliance](#)

Lansing: [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Board](#)

City Administration is seeking consensus from City Council this evening on its desire to create a new board or commission similar to the ones listed above.



OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Gary Mekjian, City Manager 

DATE: June 10, 2024

RE: Replacement of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multi-Cultural Multi-Racial Community Council (MCMR)

City Council reviewed the referenced during its January 2024 goal session with a priority “B”. This memo is an effort to provide City Council with some background on the creation of MCMR, its current bylaws and current challenges with the groups, and a potential replacement for MCMR with a bona fide board or commission of City Council

MCMR was created in the 1990’s largely around what I understand to be issues between certain ethnic groups and how those issues were impacting kids in the Farmington Public Schools. In recent years, however, the group has struggled with its purpose and has mostly been involved with helping to organize the MLK day walk, promoting Juneteenth events and other small events. Participation in the group has been a challenge, with the same few individuals meeting with very little to discuss. I have attached a copy of the most recent MCMR Bylaws and resolutions from the 1990’s for City Council’s review.

### **Draft Committee Mission, Vision, and Objectives**

I have also researched other communities in the state to understand similar efforts in this arena. Based on this research, I’ve drafted the following mission, vision, and objectives for City Council’s consideration:

#### **Basis for Existence**

The purpose of the (TBD) Community Committee is to provide a forum for discussion, fact-finding and develop recommendations regarding issues of concern to the various ethnic, religious, and racial communities within the Farmington and Farmington Hills and to aid in their interaction. The

committee reports its activities and issues as well as findings and conclusions to the city council in the form of a recommendation.

### **Goals and Objectives**

The goal of the (TBD) Community Committee is to enhance and facilitate a better understanding and awareness of those cultural differences that make the city's ethnic, religious and racial communities different and unique, while developing a foundation for improved understanding and cooperative living. The objectives of the committee will be to provide activities, recommendations or reports that will aid the city council in establishing public policies toward specific issues affecting all ethnic, religious, and racial groups.

### **Activities**

The (TBD) Community Committee shall meet monthly or quarterly and/or as the members of such advisory committee find necessary to complete a program, project or assigned task. The committee shall be provided the opportunity for hearing on advisory opinions issued to the city council in writing.

They may encourage participation of the community and solicit information and participation from segments of the community, which may provide enlightened information on the issue under study. They shall serve as an advisory committee in the form of recommendations or alternatives presented to the council on such subjects as the city council may deem appropriate.

### **Committee Structure**

The (TBD) Community Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation of a majority vote of the City Council. Members shall be appointed to serve for a term of three (3) years, except that of the members appointed for a term commencing (TBD), three shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, four appointed for a term of two (2) years, and four appointed for a term of three (3) years. A member shall hold office until the members successor is appointed and qualified. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be made by the Mayor, subject to confirmation of a majority vote of the City Council, for the unexpired term only. Members of the board shall serve without compensation.

Where there may be duplication or overlap in responsibilities or activities with any administrative agency, charter, ordinance or statutory created board or commission, they shall have no independent authority to act or assume those responsibilities.

### **Citizen Input**

As a resident committee, the (TBD) Community Committee shall provide resident input necessary through the issuance of advisory recommendations to the city council through the appropriate staff liaison, provided that such staff work in support of the committee's activities shall be approved by the city manager.

### **Administrative**

The staff resources assigned to support the activities of the committee shall be monitored and reviewed at all times by the City's DEI director or the City Managers designee. The necessary budgetary resources for the committee shall be provided through existing budgetary centers or such additional resources as recommended to the city manager upon the request of the committee or by the liaison.

The committee shall complete additional tasks, projects or assignments as required or requested by the city council in a timely manner subject only to the available staff support assigned.

### **Other Considerations**

1. Should the City of Farmington and the Farmington Public School District be a party to this committee? I have discussed with Dave Murphy, Farmington City Manager and he expressed a strong interest by the City of Farmington to participate.
2. If so, how should the appointments be broken down between the 3 entities?

Thank you for your consideration and truly welcome City Council input on this topic.

MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM  
JUNE 10, 2024 – 6:15PM

The study session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Rich at 6:16pm.

Council Members Present: Aldred, Boleware, Bridges, Bruce, Dwyer, Knol, and Rich

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, City Clerk Lindahl, Assistant City Manager Mondora, Director Harvey and Schnackel and Skrobola and City Attorney Joppich

**DISCUSSION ON MULTICULTURAL MULTIRACIAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL STRATEGY**

City Manager Mekjian led this discussion item. Tom Shurtleff, Chair of MCMR, was also present.

City Council discussed MCMR during its January 2024 goal session with a priority “B”. Last spring City Council made the decision to hold back funding until a discussion could be held relative to reconstituting MCMR into an official City committee/commission. MCMR was created in the 1990s.

City Manager Mekjian researched other communities in the state to understand similar efforts, and presented a draft Committee Mission, Vision, and Objectives statement as a springboard for discussion.

**Discussion focused on:**

- **MCMR Mission:** It is difficult to understand what the current mission of MCMR is, what value it can provide to Farmington Hills and Farmington, the School District, and the Library. It is also unclear as to who the voting members are.
- **Broad coalition of sub-communities or 11- or 13-member joint City Committee?** Originally MCMR reflected a broad coalition of sub-communities, with well-attended community breakfasts 4-5 times per year, and multiple ongoing separate activities. MCMR intentionally was independent of any municipal oversight, and was (and is) *by all and for all*.

If MCMR changes to a smaller, more traditionally organized committee, who would constitute membership? City of Farmington is very interested in participating. Would someone from the Library sit on the committee? Someone from the schools? The school representative could be someone from the Superintendent’s office, for instance. Could such a small group bring together the diversity of the community it represents?

- **Historical perspective and current-day experience:**
  - Bylaws define 24 “seats” on MCMR, including members from the Cities and the School Districts. There are 9 ad hoc seats that can be filled by community organizations including the Library, faith community, etc. There is a process for bringing prospective members forward.
  - Farmington Area Interfaith Association is still active with MCMR. The Interfaith Association is also a non-chartered, non-corporate entity.
  - There are about 20 currently active MCMR participants, with no current youth involvement.

- Tom Shurtleff is still in contact with Karen Bolson, who was chair and co-chair of MCMR in the 1990s forward. At that time there was a resonance and energy in the community for community-building that has been lost, perhaps only temporarily.
- MCMR was active during Councilmember Dwyer's tenure as Chief of Police; he remembered it as being very successful on several levels, and he participated in its meetings. MCMR was effective because it brought together so many groups to the same table; Dwyer did not support reducing its size to 11-13 members.

**Discussion included:**

- Council could support the idea of an official MCMR committee/commission. There is a need for this organization, in light of all is going on in the City and broader community. MCMR has historically been an established force for good.
- Organizations that are too large and undefined over time become unwieldy, and can lose their way.
- If the City is going to contribute to MCMR, it does need to have some say in its mission and accountability.
- Boleware had reached out to Karen Bolson some time ago and received an extensive email regarding the formation of MCMR. She will forward that email to City Manager Mekjian, who can distribute it to Council.
- It remains an open-ended question as to whether MCMR should be officially affiliated with the City, or remain an independent organization.
- Council expressed a desire to continue this conversation. Karen Bolson should be invited to attend a study session to give perspective on MCMR's early days and purpose, and Council expressed interest in Tom Shurtleff returning for further discussion.
- City Manager Mekjian will continue to research best practices across municipalities.

**DISCUSSION ON PANHANDLING SIGNS PROGRAM**

City Manager Mekjian led discussion on this item. Referencing his June 10, 2024 memorandum, Mekjian explained that the City was looking for ways to respond humanely and constitutionally to organized groups of panhandlers at city locations. Panhandling is a constitutional right under free speech.

**Discussion included:**

- **Practices in other cities:** Some other cities, including Scottsdale AZ and others, have instituted a sign program in an attempt to discourage people from giving money to panhandlers. The signs are placed in locations where panhandlers gather, and encourage people to donate their money to local charities and non-profit organizations for the homeless. The back of the signs also provides a list of organizations and phone numbers for individuals in need of food, clothing, and shelter.
- **Suggested for Farmington Hills:** A similar sign program is being suggested for Farmington Hills. The signs would be temporary enough that they could be moved from location to location, and could be placed where panhandlers gather, based on observation and complaints. The list of helping organizations and phone numbers could also be utilized using a QR code.

This initiative could show the City's efforts to address this problem as a City, without being demeaning or restrictive to panhandlers.

Consensus of Council appeared to support this initiative.

**DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF CITY COUNCIL AND GUIDELINES OF CONDUCT**

City Attorney Joppich led discussion on proposed amendments to the Rules of City Council and Guidelines of Conduct.

**A. Regular and Special Meetings**

**A.1. Regular Meetings**

**A.2. Special Meetings**

Amended language provides greater flexibility relative to scheduling and cancelling City Council regular and special meetings, including cancellation during adverse weather events, maneuvering around holidays and summer schedules, and scheduling a study session in lieu of a regular meeting. All changes meet the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

After discussion and with suggested clarifying edits, the amended language in A.1 and A.2 was supported for inclusion on a future City Council agenda.

**E. Citizen Participation**

**E.3. Persons addressing the Council/Attending Meetings, sub. pars. E. and I.**

Amended language addresses adjustments to public participation at meetings, related to meeting disruptions, use of microphones and speakers, and amplification systems, including bullhorns. Amended language also provides language that has been upheld in the courts relative to obscene, defamatory or similar disruptive language that substantially interrupts, delays, or disturbs the peace, or constitutes a threat to an individual or individuals.

It was noted that during a disruption, the Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem can recess the meeting, which will silence all mikes and official visual recordings.

It was noted that when the corridor is officially made a part of the meeting space in order to accommodate an overflow crowd, the same rules will apply in the corridor that apply in Council Chamber.

After further discussion including clarifying edits, the amended language in E.3. as discussed this evening was supported for inclusion on a future City Council agenda.

**City of Farmington Hills Guidelines of Conduct**

**D. Resolutions and Proclamations involving Community Relations and Other Matters**

New draft language addresses and limits when resolutions and proclamations can be issued. This section represents City policy.

**Discussion included:**

- Council offered suggested edits and changes to clarify the language.
- Councilmember Boleware thought that the amended language had no clear outcome, and could encourage negative outcomes. There was policy in place currently that basically said the same thing as this language. When a group of people wanted to disrupt, the amended language was not going to change that, and could encourage it.

The new language under Guidelines for Conduct, D., did not yet have consensus approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The study session meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk

**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2024 – 7:30PM**  
**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
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YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/FHChannel8>

**REQUESTS TO SPEAK:** Anyone requesting to speak before Council must complete and turn in to the City Clerk a blue Public Participation Registration Form.

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**STUDY SESSION (6:00P.M. Community Room – See Separate Agenda)**

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

**CALL REGULAR SESSION MEETING TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

1. Approval of regular session meeting agenda
2. Introduction of the Mayor’s Youth Council and Administration of Oath
3. Proclamation recognizing [November 11, 2024 as Veterans Day](#)
4. Proclamation recognizing [November 13, 2024 as World Kindness Day](#)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS FROM CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**CONSENT AGENDA - (See Items No. 7-11)**

All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine, administrative, or non-controversial by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a Council Member or citizen so requests, in which event the items may be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

5. Consideration of request from [Events-O-Rama LLC](#) for the transfer of ownership of a 2024 Class C license with various permits and 3 bars located at 23666 Orchard Lake Road.
6. Consideration of [appointments](#) to various boards and commissions.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

7. Recommended approval of award of bid for purchase of Fire Department day chairs to Fire Station Furniture in the amount of \$20,154.29. [CMR 11-24-111](#)
8. Recommended approval of award of bid for purchase and installation of dump bodies and winter maintenance accessories on two new dump truck chassis and four new pick-up trucks to Truck & Trailer Specialties in the amount of \$277,256. [CMR 11-24-112](#)
9. Recommended approval of award of bid for Costick Center Door B and Longacre House porch awning projects to Michigan Tent & Awning Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$12,845.05. [CMR 11-24-113](#)
10. Recommended approval of City Council [study session meeting minutes](#) of October 28, 2024.
11. Recommended approval of City Council [regular session meeting](#) minutes of October 28, 2024.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Limited to three (3) minutes for any item of City business not on the agenda.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk

Reviewed by:

Gary Mekjian, City Manager

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**PROCLAMATION**  
**Veterans Day**  
**Nov. 11, 2024**

- 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,** 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 2024**, and urge all residents to pause and reflect, this November and throughout the year, on the sacrifices of those who have served their country.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Theresa Rich", is written over a horizontal line.

Theresa Rich, Mayor



**PROCLAMATION**  
**World Kindness Day**  
**Nov. 13, 2024**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Farmington Hills recognizes the value of acts of kindness that are performed without prompting or reason and how these acts can positively impact the person giving kindness, the person receiving kindness, and those witnessing; and,

**WHEREAS,** acts of kindness can be performed by any person regardless of age, background, education, gender, religion, or abilities for the unselfish purpose of spreading goodwill; and,

**WHEREAS,** kind individuals create a more caring community and help to perpetuate genuine acts of kindness in Farmington Hills and beyond; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Farmington/Farmington Hills Commission on Children, Youth and Families seeks to encourage a kind and supportive environment where children, youth, and families are happy, healthy, educated, safe, and have the opportunity to reach their full potential; and,

**WHEREAS,** members of the Commission on Children, Youth and Families inspire kindness and mental health awareness through their Kindness Rock Garden in Heritage Park, an interactive community art installation of rocks painted with uplifting messages for anyone to take when they need encouragement.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Theresa Rich, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **Nov. 13, 2024**, to be “**World Kindness Day**” and urge all members of the community to share acts of kindness, caring and compassion in the community, not just on Nov. 13, but every day of the year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Theresa Rich".

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Theresa Rich, Mayor



## CITY CLERK'S REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: 11/11/24

DEPT: City Clerk

RE: Consideration of request from Events-O-Rama LLC for the transfer of ownership of a 2024 Class C license with permits and 3 Bars; located at 23666 Orchard Lake Road

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

- The City has received notification from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and a request from Rajesh Gupta, representing Events-O-Rama LLC for local approval of the above referenced request.
- The request is for the transfer of ownership of a 2024 Class C license with Sunday Sales Permit (PM), Dance-Entertainment Permit, and 3 bars from Farmington Hills Investment Inc. (Farmington Manor), with the addition of a Sunday Sales Permit (AM) and a Catering Permit. This license is being used at its existing location with new ownership.
- The applicant has submitted an application along with their policy regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages, pursuant to Michigan Liquor Control Commission Rules. The application is included with this report.
- An agreement for return of the license to the City of Farmington Hills if the business ceases to operate has been submitted with their application.
- The application packet was routed to all departments for review. The transfer of ownership of the existing liquor license and permits received a denial from the Police Department, pending the applicant presenting the situation to City Council for a waiver. No objections were received from any other departments.
- The recommendation for denial from the Chief of Police is attached for Council's review.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council hereby adopts the resolution for APPROVAL/DENIAL to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for the request from Events-O-Rama LLC to transfer ownership of a 2024 Class C license with permits and 3 Bars; from Farmington Hills Investment Inc., located at 23666 Orchard Lake Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk



# FARMINGTON HILLS POLICE

## INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

**TO:** Chief Jeff King  
**FROM:** Captain Brian Moore *BM*  
**DATE:** October 15, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** **Liquor License Transfer**  
**Events-0-Rama 23666 Orchard Lake Road**  
**(Farmington Hills Manor)**

RECEIVED

*[Signature]*  
Jeff King, Chief of Police  
Farmington Hills Police Dept. 10/22/2024

*\* RECOMMENDS DENIAL;  
PENDING APPLICANT  
PRESENTING SITUATION TO  
C.C. FOR WAIVER.  
CC CHIEF*

### Owner/Employee Background

I have reviewed the background investigation completed by Sergeant Paulo Hernandez of applicant Rajesh Gupta. A prior arrest was discovered in the applicant's past that could affect approval.

### Arrest

Farmington Hills ordinance Section 4-45 covers restrictions on issuing Class C Liquor Licenses. The ordinance reads in part:

No such license shall be issued to:

- (7) A person who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment in excess of one (1) year under the law under which he or she was convicted; a crime involving theft, dishonesty or false statement (including tax evasion) regardless of punishment; or has been convicted of a crime or found responsible for a violation of any federal or state law or Administration Rules of the Michigan Liquor Control Commission concerning the manufacture, possession or sale or alcoholic liquor, or similar violation of another state or country.

In 2010, Gupta was charged with the crime of "Passing Bad Checks" (a felony offense) in Ohio. He was ultimately convicted of an Attempt to Pass Bad Checks (misdemeanor) in 2022. This conviction is punishable by imprisonment of one year or less and therefore is not an automatic disqualifier.

A review of the Ohio police report shows that Gupta passed a check for \$1,159.73 to rent equipment for his restaurant business. At the time he issued the check, he only had \$251.96 in his bank account. Gupta was cooperative with the police and the victim; however, he was unable to obtain funds to make the victim whole.

Gupta eventually made the victim whole in 2022 and cleared up his outstanding warrant.

### **Conclusion**

Gupta was honest and forthright about this conviction with Sergeant Hernandez. Farmington Hills ordinance does prohibit issuing a liquor license to an applicant convicted of a crime of dishonesty or false statement. In this case Gupta issued a check knowing he had insufficient funds in the bank. Twelve years later he took responsibility for his actions and handled the matter in court.

I recommend this information is properly passed along to Farmington Hills City Council so they can make an informed decision on approving the liquor license.

READ & FORWARDED  
  
10.22.24  
ASSISTANT CHIEF

**LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION  
NEW LICENSES AND TRANSFERS**

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336  
(248) 871-2410

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY CLERK  
RCUD AUG 30 2024 PM 2:50

The following application must be completed in full before consideration of a liquor license can be given. There is a \$1,000 non-refundable application fee, plus \$250.00 for each permit. This application is not considered complete until applicant has contacted and complied with the city's police department requirements. Please contact the police department at (248) 871-2770.

Pursuant to City Code requirements, the City Council shall not approve any new application for license to sell beer and/or wine and/or spirits for consumption on the premises, unless the use of said license shall be in connection with and incidental to a bona fide restaurant operation. The determination as to whether such operation exists shall be made by the City Council and a decision by a majority thereof shall be conclusive. (No license shall be granted unless approved by a roll call vote of five (5) members elect of the City Council).

Applicant Name: Rajesh Gupta Phone: [REDACTED]

Home Address: [REDACTED] City [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] Email [REDACTED]

Age: 57 Citizenship U.S. Birthplace [REDACTED]

If Naturalized, time and place: [REDACTED]

License to be in the name of: EVENTS-O-RAMA LLC, a Michigan limited liability company

Type of Licenses and Permits requested: Class C license with Sunday Sales, dance/entertainment, and catering permits

Location of License Premises (address): 23666 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Legal Description of Property (Lot Number, I.D. Number): \_\_\_\_\_

T1N, R9E, SEC 26 SUPERVISOR'S PLAT OF WESTHILL WOODS LOTS 27 TO 32 INCL

Does applicant currently own the premises? YES NO  X  
If no, please provide name of owner of premises: FARMINGTON HILLS PROPERTY LLC (attach copy of lease agreement)

Length of time this business has been in operation: 22+ years

Relationship of applicant to business: Member/owner

Manager's Name, address and phone if not applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

List all uses in addition to sale of alcoholic beverages: restaurant and event center

Please provide a breakdown of anticipated revenues from:  
Food and non-alcoholic beverages: \$ 250,000  
Alcoholic beverages: \$ 250,000  
Other revenues (describe): \$1,000,000

Attach a copy of your full menu

Have you or do you presently operate any other establishments with a similar license or applied for another similar license other than described in this application? YES \_\_\_ NO <sup>X</sup> \_\_\_

If yes, provide name and address of all establishments and the disposition of license/application:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is this a Partnership, Corporation or Limited Liability Company? YES <sup>X</sup> \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

*If yes, please complete Attachment A with additional details about your business structure.*

Length of time applicant/partners/members/officers/directors have been in a business involving the sale of alcoholic liquor and/or beer and/or wine and/or spirits for consumption on or off premise: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list an accurate record and history for the immediate preceding five (5) years of any liquor license complaint violations by the applicant, by a corporation or entity the applicant has worked for or had a substantial interest in, by a parent or subsidiary corporation of the applicant, or by any officers, directors, managers, members and partners of the applicant:

n/a

Is this an existing building or new construction? existing

If new construction, the estimated start date of construction: \_\_\_\_\_ completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost to be expended by the licensee for the licensed premises: \$675,000 (sale price of business)

**NOTE:** Approval of a license shall be with the understanding that any necessary remodeling or new construction for the use of the license shall be completed within six (6) months of the action of the council or the Michigan Liquor Control Commission approving such license, whichever last occurs.

Personal References:

Name, address and phone number

Hari Kandula, \_\_\_\_\_

Ankit Sinha, \_\_\_\_\_

Business References:

Name, address and phone number

Srinivas Thonta, \_\_\_\_\_

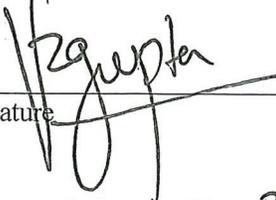
Ravi IKKurthy, \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant fully understands that should any of the above information prove to be inaccurate or untruthful, it will be grounds to deny applicant's request or revoke any approvals.

In the event of a change in any of the data or information required or furnished to the City after an on-premises license has been issued, the holder of the on-premises license shall notify the City Clerk of each such change within ten (10) days after such change occurs.

**AFFIDAVIT:**

I hereby affirm the above information to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I hereby affirm that I will not violate any of the laws of the State of Michigan or of the United States or any ordinances of the City of Farmington Hills or the administrative rules of any regulatory agency in the conduct of this business.

  
Applicant's Signature

Rajesh Gupta  
Applicant's Name - Please Print

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 20 24

  
Notary Public Signature - include stamp and/or seal of notary  
State of \_\_\_\_\_, County of \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**PETER MANNI**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COUNTY OF MACOMB**  
My Commission Expires 02/22/2028  
Acting in the County of Oakland

**APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT along with application and paid fees:**

- ATTACHMENT A – Business Information Sheet, if applicable
- ~~ATTACHMENT B~~ - Signed agreement (for quota licenses only)
- Full food menu a/a - Banquet facility
- Information on training program for employees of establishment relative to the sale of alcohol, checking I.D., etc.
- A statement as to the applicant's character, experience, and financial ability to meet the obligations and business undertakings for which the license is to be issued, including a statement that the applicant and its officers, directors, managers, members, and partners, if any, have never been convicted for a violation of any laws or ordinances regarding the sale of alcoholic liquor or of a felony and are not disqualified to receive a license by reasons set forth in Chapter 4, Article II of the City's Code of Ordinances or the laws of the State of Michigan.
- Preliminary site plan showing the location of the proposed building, the architectural design, building elevations, off-street parking, lighting, refuse disposal facilities, and where appropriate, adequate plans for sound barriers and noise control as well as floor plans showing seating arrangements, interior design and the type of furniture and fixtures. If the building is already constructed, then in addition to the above the applicant shall furnish any proposed renovation to both the interior and exterior of the premises or any proposed building alterations, to meet and comply with all existing City Codes and Ordinances. Note all remodeling should be complete within 6 months of action of the City Council or State of Michigan
- Complete copy of a fully executed deed, lease or rental agreement, including any amendments, addendums, exhibits and other materials attached thereto, providing the applicant the exclusive right of use, occupancy, and possession of the proposed licensed premises, including use for the on-premises sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor by the applicant
- Driver's License, Social Security Card, Alien Card (if applicable), and Naturalization/Citizenship papers (if applicable) for Police Department review

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**CHECKLIST FOR SUBMISSION:**

- X   Signed, completed application, including all items on checklist
- X   Signed, completed agreement (for quota licenses only)
- X   Fees (\$1,000 non-refundable application fee; +\$250 per LCC permit (Dance, Entertainment, Sunday Sales, etc)

## ATTACHMENT A

Please fill out the information below that pertains to your business:

**IF PARTNERSHIP,**

Names/addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

If naturalized, year and place \_\_\_\_\_

Names/addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

If naturalized, year and place \_\_\_\_\_

Names/addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

If naturalized, year and place \_\_\_\_\_

*Provide a copy of any partnership agreement.*

**IF CORPORATION,**

Corporation name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Charter: \_\_\_\_\_

If corporation, state the object for which it was formed: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a private or public corporation? \_\_\_\_\_

If private, provide articles of corporation and proof of the corporation's active status and good standing with the State of Michigan.

Provide on a separate sheet the name/address citizenship, birthplace and if naturalized citizen, the time and place of naturalization for all officers and directors and a list of all stockholders, their addresses and the percentage of stock they each hold for stockholders who own ten (10) percent or more of corporate stock.

**IF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,**

Provide a list of the names and addresses of all members, managers, and assignees of membership interests, a copy of the articles of organization, and proof of the company's active status and good standing with the State of Michigan. *Use separate sheet if needed*

Rajesh Gupta, \_\_\_\_\_

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**INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

**DATE:** November 11, 2024  
**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Theresa Rich, Mayor  
**SUBJECT:** Recommendation for appointment.

I would like to recommend the following appointments at the November 11, 2024 City Council meeting.

**Beautification Commission**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Paul Aren	Expired Term	February 1, 2028

Paul will fill the regular vacancy left by Carol Kurth who resigned January 2024. Attached, please find Paul's resume.

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Kailee Sosnowski	Expired Term	February 1, 2028

Kailee will fill the regular vacancy left by Jennifer Chinn who resigned December 2023. Attached, please find Kailee's resume.

**Emergency Preparedness Commission**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Sean Thomas	Unexpired Term	February 1, 2025

Sean was appointed as an alternate member in December 2023, he will now fill the regular vacancy left by Dan Wecker who resigned November 2024.

**Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Rudy Patros	Unexpired Term	February 1, 2028

Rudy will fill the regular vacancy. Attached, please find Rudy's resume.

**Commission on Community Health**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Sylvia White	Unexpired Term	February 1, 2027

Sylvia will fill the regular vacancy left by Daniel Konja who resigned June 2024. Attached, please find Sylvia's resume.

## Danielle King

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**From:** postmaster@muniweb.com  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 12:43 PM  
**To:** DistributionList-CityManagerOffice  
**Subject:** The Form 'Boards and Commissions Questionnaire' was submitted

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### Your Name

Paul Aren

### Your Address

### Your Phone Number

### Your Email

### Multiple choice

Beautification Commission  
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority  
Economic Development Corporation

### Brief Resume

I have a degree in Economics from Michigan State University and work at AKT Peerless in Economic Development. I believe I can be a helpful addition to the Board.

### References

Please ask for references in an email.

**Danielle King**

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**Your Name**

Kailee Sosnowski

**Your Address**

[Redacted]

**Your Phone Number**

[Redacted]

**Your Email**

[Redacted]

**Multiple choice**

Beautification Commission

**Brief Resume**

2021 - Current - General Motors Senior Responsible Sourcing Analyst Sustainability Analyst 2016 - 2021 - American Axle & Manufacturing Risk Analyst Indirect Commodity Specialist MS in Supply Chain Management, University of Michigan-Dearborn BA in Sustainability, University of Michigan Ann Arbor

**References**

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**Danielle King**

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**From:** postmaster@muniweb.com  
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<b>Submittor's Name</b>	Sean Thomas
<b>Submittor's Address</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Submittor's Phone</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Submittor's Email</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Interest(s)</b>	Emergency Preparedness Commission

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**Resume**

Emergency Emergency Response Team team Leader ( )sgt Michigan Department of Corrections . Conflict Resolution Counselor /Trainer ( Americorps ) Michigan Institute for Non Violence Education. PTA Board Member Wood creek Elementary School Student Council Government Member Wcccd University of Detroit Mercy Criminal Justice/ Law Administration Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (Licensed Insurance Agent/Broker Agency Owner) Promoter/Producer (Professional Boxing , Live Events ,Television) Briar Hill Board member Briar Hill sub division Block director

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**References**

Dr. Sabrina Jackson (Mental Health Counselor/Television personality) Fox2Detroit Micheal Rodgers ( retired Michigan State Police Sergeant ) Terrance Hardrick retired Michigan Department of Corrections Hearings Investigator and Parole Officer Terri Weems Former PTA Wood creek Board Member current Farmington Hills School Board Member. Micheal Bridges

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**Danielle King**

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**From:** postmaster@muniweb.com  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2024 1:14 PM  
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**Subject:** The Form 'Boards and Commissions Questionnaire' was submitted

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**Your Name**

Rudy Patros

**Your Address**

[REDACTED]

**Your Phone Number**

[REDACTED]

**Your Email**

[REDACTED]

**Multiple choice**

Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority

**Brief Resume**

SECURATECH was founded in 2009 on the values of Professionalism, Excellence, Integrity, Duty, & Teamwork. Founder and CEO Rudy Patros is passionate about not only providing exceptional security & monitoring services, but providing all-encompassing solutions tailored to meet the individual needs of our customers.

**References**

Shakey Haddad and Theresa Rich referred

## Danielle King

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**To:** postmaster@muniweb.com  
**Subject:** RE: The Form 'Boards and Commissions Questionnaire' was submitted

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### Your Name

Sylvia White

### Your Address

[REDACTED]

### Your Phone Number

[REDACTED]

### Your Email

[REDACTED]

### Multiple choice

Commission on Community Health

### Brief Resume

I am fairly new to the Farmington Hills area. I have over 20 years in healthcare experience with a bachelor degree in health care administration. I am currently working as a home care coordinator at Trinity Health hospital. I am halfway through my Masters of Public Health degree and preparing for a career transition to the public health sector. I am a passionate advocate for community health, I am dedicated to addressing the root causes of chronic health conditions through the lens of social determinants of health. With a masters of public health and a background and healthcare administration I would like to work on improving health outcomes for all with a focus on vulnerable and marginalized populations. My experiences coordinating home-care services in an acute setting has provided me with valuable insight into the complexities of healthcare delivery and the importance of tailored compassionate care, equity and access to health care I am particularly interested in supporting programs that tackle issues such as housing, education, food security, and economic stability, which are critical to the overall health and well-being of communities. My goal is to collaborate with like-minded professionals and organizations to drive meaningful change and reduce health disparities.

### References

[REDACTED]



## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: 11/11/24

DEPT: FIRE DEPARTMENT

RE: AWARD OF BID FOR FIRE STATION FURNITURE

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

- Sealed bids were solicited by the North Carolina Sheriffs' Association for First Responder Supplies and Equipment. A contract was awarded to Fire Station Furniture on June 18, 2024. The awarded contract is offered to the City as a cooperative bid under the NC Sheriff's Association Purchasing Program. Participating in a cooperative purchase provides cost savings for the City due to the quantity buying power of a cooperative.
- Fire Department's day chairs are at the end of their service life and in need of replacement. The stations current chairs have become worn and no longer provide the durability or support required for the demanding environment in which they are used. The recommended day chairs will furnish five (5) fire stations and are more durable than residential furniture. Each chair can withstand 450 lb. weight capacity, is suitable for heights up to 6'7", made with medical grade vinyl, and includes a 5- year warranty.
- Funding for these furnishings is provided in the FY 24-25 Capital Improvement Funds.

### RECOMMENDATION

- IT IS RESOLVED that the City Council of Farmington Hills authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Fire Station Furniture in the amount of \$20,154.29 for the purchase of 21 heavy duty day chairs.

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Prepared by: Jason Olszewski, Deputy Fire Chief  
Reviewed by: Nikki Lumpkin, Senior Buyer  
Reviewed by: Michelle Aranowski, Director of Central Services  
Department Approval: Jon Unruh, Fire Chief  
Executive Approval: Gary Mekjian, P.E., City Manager



## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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DATE: 11/11/2024

DEPT: DPW

RE: AWARD OF DUMP TRUCK AND PICK-UP TRUCK UPFITTING

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### ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

- A request for proposals (RFP) was issued through the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) e-procurement system by the City of Rochester Hills, RFP-RH-20-023 and opened on March 18, 2020. The initial term was for three (3) years and has been extended through 2025.
- The RFP was a seven-community cooperative effort, with the City of Rochester Hills acting as lead agency and included the cities of Farmington Hills, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills, Madison Heights, Livonia, Huntington Woods, and Bloomfield Township. The proposal was developed with the intent to create a multi-year, comprehensive, cooperative contract for any MITN agency to procure both single and tandem-axle dump trucks as well as related upfitting equipment for snow and ice control. Participating in a cooperative purchase provides cost savings for the City of Farmington Hills due to the buying power of the cooperative.
- The proposed purchase provides a dump body system and various winter maintenance accessories including safety and lighting packages that will be installed on a 10-yard freightliner dump truck chassis that was previously awarded to Wolverine Truck Group on September 9, 2024.
- The purchase also includes upfitting of a Ford F-550 (3-yard) for Special Services and four (4) Ford F-250 pick-up trucks. A dump body will be added to the F-550 along with a winter maintenance plow and spreader, and safety and lighting accessories. The four F-250s upfitting will include safety racks and snowplow package. These Ford vehicles were previously awarded to Lunghamer Ford on September 9, 2024.
- The recommended award complies with the City's specifications and is within budget. Funding for this purchase is provided in the Capital Improvement Budget and Parks Millage Fund for FY 24/25.



## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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- The recommended vendor is Truck & Trailer Specialties of Dutton, Michigan. Truck & Trailer has provided and installed plows as well as other winter maintenance equipment for the City in the past with high quality and solid workmanship.

### RECOMMENDATION

- IT IS RESOLVED, that the City Council of Farmington Hills authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order with Truck & Trailer Specialties in the amount of \$277,256.00 for the purchase and installation of dump bodies and winter maintenance accessories on two (2) new dump truck chassis and four (4) new pick-up trucks.

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Prepared by: Derrick Schueller, DPW Superintendent

Reviewed by: Jacob Rushlow, P.E., Director, Department of Public Services

Ellen Schnackel, Director, Department of Special Services

Michelle Aranowski, Director, Department of Central Services

Approved by: Gary Mekjian, P.E., City Manager



## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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DATE: 11/11/24

DEPT: SPECIAL SERVICES

RE: AWARD OF BID FOR COSTICK CENTER DOOR B AND LONGACRE HOUSE PORCH  
AWNING PROJECTS

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### ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

- Written quotes were obtained for two separate projects. The first project, at the Costick Center, is to manufacture and install a new awning over the Door B entrance. The second project, at the Longacre House, is to remove the existing awning over the patio, store the awning, then re-install the awning.
- The Costick Center Door B entrance just received a new automated sliding door, replacing two hand operated swing doors. The existing awning no longer works to cover the automated door. An awning is necessary to protect the electrical components of the automated sliding door, which was mounted to the exterior wall to maximize the opening for simultaneous entry and exit.
- The Longacre House patio project is scheduled for April of 2025. The project involves demolition of the existing patio, filling of the void underneath the existing patio, and pouring of a new stamped concrete pad on top. To complete this work, the existing awning over the patio must be removed.
- The recommended vendor, Michigan Tent & Awning, is the lowest and most qualified bidder for both projects. Michigan Tent & Awning has been in business since the 1930's, with experience in the design, manufacture, and installation of awnings.
- The total project estimate is \$11,677.32 for awning work at the Costick Center (\$8,000.00) and Longacre House (\$3,677.32). Staff is recommending authorization for 10% contingency (\$1,167.73) to address unexpected and unforeseen repairs that might be found once work begins.
- Funding is provided in the City Capital Improvement Fund and Special Services Capital Fund.



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### RECOMMENDATION

In view of the above, it is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to award the bid for Costick Center and Longacre Awning Projects to Michigan Tent & Awning Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$12,845.05 (\$11,677.32 + \$1,167.73 contingency).

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Prepared by:	Brian Moran, Deputy Director of Special Services
Department Approval:	Ellen Schnackel, Director of Special Services
Executive Approval:	Gary Mekjian, City Manager

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM  
OCTOBER 28, 2024 – 6:00PM**

The study session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Rich at 6:00pm.

Council Members Present: Aldred, Boleware, Bridges, Bruce, Dwyer, Knol and Rich

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, Assistant City Manager Mondora, City Clerk Lindahl, Directors Brockway, Kettler-Schmult, Rushlow and Schnackel, and City Attorney Joppich

**DISCUSSION ON ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS**

Council Member Rich introduced this agenda item, and City Manager Mekjian provided a brief overview, noting that Draft Zoning Text Amendment 2, 2024 had been discussed at the September 16, 2024 joint meeting with the Planning Commission.

**Background**

Referencing her October 28, 2024 memorandum, Director of Planning and Community Development Kettler-Schmult outlined the purpose of ZTE 2, 2024, emphasizing that the text amendments will help the Planning Commission consider opportunity cost, and provide the Commission with tools to be more selective and require higher quality development, to pressure the market to redevelop vacant or underutilized property, reduce blight, enhance community appearance, and provide a stronger basis for zoning enforcement.

The zoning text amendments primarily affect B-3 zoning classifications, transitioning several uses—such as automotive repair, drive-in restaurants, gasoline service stations, vehicle rental spaces, and car washes—from principal uses to those requiring special approval.

On October 17, the Planning Commission moved to recommend approval of the zoning text amendment with two changes:

- 1) To reduce the minimum number of outdoor seats for drive-through restaurants from eight to six.
- 2) Add language that would allow the Planning Commission to waive the outdoor seating requirement under certain limited circumstances.

The text amendment is part of a series of forthcoming updates to the Zoning Ordinance, to bring the ordinance more in line with the newly adopted Master Plan.

**Council discussion**

In response to questions, Director Kettler-Schmult gave the following information:

- Businesses legally operating under current zoning would maintain their legal conforming use status. Any new development will have to conform to the updated zoning ordinance.

- The term “drive-in restaurant” traditionally applies to both drive-in and drive-through establishments, such as A&W and McDonald’s. The definition is being updated to better reflect the intent of the ordinance. For instance, the definition should not include every restaurant that offers carry-out services.
- There were only two drive-in restaurants in the City.
- Regarding potential redundancy in the ordinance relative to the classification of coin-operated amusement devices, Director Kettler-Schmult clarified that the separate regulations reflected that such uses could serve as either primary or accessory functions, depending on the establishment.
- Regarding those uses that are transitioning to special uses, the change is designed to provide higher scrutiny while allowing existing businesses to continue operating under their current approvals. The Special Approval process ensures public notification and evaluation of impacts on neighboring properties.
- The intent behind limiting certain land uses, such as gas stations and repair shops, is to promote diverse, vibrant businesses while avoiding saturation of specific uses at key locations.
- Staff had conducted a study of the number of gas stations and car washes in nearby communities as well as in Farmington Hills; this information will be provided to Council.
- Opportunity cost is a way of explaining trade-offs in decision making. Filling prominent locations with certain businesses limits opportunities for other potential developments, impacting the city’s ability to attract new businesses.
- Design standards are still to be determined. The standards will be incorporated directly into the zoning ordinance.

City Attorney Joppich provided context on the broader process of implementing the Master Plan through incremental zoning amendments. The current amendments are the initial step, with additional amendments expected to follow, providing a phased implementation of the Master Plan.

#### **DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC ART FUNDING**

City Manager Mekjian summarized prior discussions and the City’s current contributions, including:

- Public art projects funded through the general fund, including the planned public art installation at 696 and Orchard Lake Road, and landscaping at the roundabout between 13 Mile and 14 Mile Roads (~\$350K project), which will prep that area for public art.
- Collaboration with developers to incorporate public art in new developments, particularly Planned Unit Developments.

#### **Background - Director Kettler-Schmult**

Director Kettler-Schmult provided an overview of positive community feedback during the recent Master Plan update process and research on funding mechanisms, noting various approaches used by other municipalities:

- Public funding through general funds or capital improvement projects.
- Private investment, including donations and grants.
- Rental/loan agreements with artists.
- Hybrid models, such as dedicated public art funds supported by developer contributions.

#### **Public Art Examples and Case Studies – Planning Consultant Bahm, Giffels Webster**

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Planning Consultant Bahm elaborated on public art funding models from across the U.S. In 2023, \$4.4 billion of public art was commissioned by corporations, cities, airports, hospitals, churches, and other organizations.

- Benefit of percent for art programs
  - Provides a stream of funding, assuring public art projects will be planned each year.
  - Leverages private investment
- Michigan Programs
  - Southfield: CIP and private development, per formula
  - Marquette: General Fund \$30,000
  - Sterling Heights, General fund \$100,000
  - East Lansing: 1% of CIP, 1% site plan approvals
  - Ann Arbor: Allocates a percentage of its CIP budget per project.
  - Traverse City: Operates through its Downtown Development Authority with general funds, grants, and mini-grant programs.
- Programs throughout US – variety of funding methods:
  - Washington DC, Charlotte NC, Oklahoma City OK: 1% of CIP
  - States of Florida, Illinois, Minnesota: a percentage of construction/capital costs for state buildings
  - Tampa FL, Nashville Metro Area TN: percentage of CIP
  - Houston TX: Hotel/motel tax
  - Phoenix AZ: General Fund, public art funds, lottery revenue, regional and federal grants
  - Napa CA and Tampa FL: % of private development costs committed to art installation or contribution to public art fund
- Incentives and Zoning Tools
  - Density bonuses.
  - Overlay districts that support mixed-use development, specifically provide bonuses to developments that provide artist live/work space (Lowell MA).
  - Artist overlay districts and relocation programs to revitalize certain districts (Nashville TN & Paducah KY used this to revitalize historic districts).
  - Provide flexibility in land uses through Arts, Culture, and Small Business Overlay (Phoenix AZ).

**Takeaway:** There are different models of funding. As Council thinks about the kind of program you want to create, start to think about what you want, and what you don't want.

**Takeaway:** Who will approve and oversee the installation of public art? A formalized process could ensure consistency and equity in public art approvals.

**Takeaway:** Think about zoning tools and incentives that can be used in Farmington Hills

**Council discussion:**

Council Member Boleware shared her experience of repeat visits to Paducah, Kentucky, noting the success of its artist residency program in revitalizing the historic district.

Discussion focused on funding possibilities:

- CIP Contribution: Farmington Hills' CIP could allocate approximately \$50,000 annually to public art at 1%.
- Private Sector Involvement: Businesses like Mercedes-Benz are contributing to public art voluntarily.

- PUD Public Art Requirements: Council supports including public art in PUDs with a formalized evaluation process.
- Public art ordinances and/or policy could consider decommissioning or rotating some art to maintain vibrancy.
- Arts Commission Role: Emphasis on involving the Arts Commission and community members in public art decisions. Guidelines should be developed, such as no political advocacy.
- Southfield Case Study: Southfield's public art program has shown economic and community benefits.
- Council requested more information on how the City of Farmington funds its public art (Riley Park, the Raven), specifically whether it uses DDA funds or CIP allocations.
- What kind of art is Council looking for? Murals? Paint? Space? Sculpture?
- Can Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds be used?

### **Guest Comments**

Economic Development Director Brockway introduced guests from the development community and local DDAs, including Tony Antone, Kojaian Company; Gavin Beckford, Canton DDA; Matt Schiffman, CEO of PA Commercial; and Scott Elliott, Signature Associates.

Comments included:

- Developers need to know upfront what is important to a community. Requiring participation in public art is not a deterrent as long as costs are reasonable, and would not keep businesses from investing in Farmington Hills, but developers need clear guidelines and focused implementation, similar to understanding that trees are important to the City and there are rules about that.
- Businesses need to retain some control over the type of art installed so that it aligns with their business character.
- It is important to have landmarks in the City. Planning where public art is wanted, on what corridors, is important.
- ArtPrize in Grand Rapids has been immensely successful and has brought a lot of attention and business to that city.
- Developers partner with the communities where they operate. Being a partner for public art aligns with that philosophy.

**Takeaway:** Public art is generally supported by developers if guidelines are clear and costs reasonable.

Gavin Beckford, Economic Development and Downtown Development Authority Manager for Canton Township:

- Described Canton's partnership with the Midwest Sculpture Initiative, which rotates sculptures annually, funded by the DDA.
- Stressed the importance of a strategic, fair, and well-communicated plan for public art to avoid deterring businesses.
- Highlighted the need for comprehensive agreements with businesses, including provisions for maintenance of the art.

### **Equity and Small Business Concerns**

There was a need for fairness when considering contributions from small businesses, which may operate on tighter budgets compared to larger corporations. A framework for private developer contributions could consider small and large businesses differently.

**Next steps**

City Manager Mekjian will come back with a recommendation:

- City's contribution to be based on public facility improvement.
- Develop a private contributions framework, acknowledging that private art contributions should be balanced, considering the financial capacity of small businesses.

On the question of offering incentives for developers contributing public art, City Attorney Joppich emphasized caution when using public art as a trade-off for zoning concessions like density or setback reductions, as this could undermine zoning regulations that are in place for a purpose.

Attorney Joppich also highlighted the importance of equity. Businesses must be treated fairly under any public art funding policy. He referred to Southfield's ordinance, which sets a \$1 million threshold for construction projects, with 1% of the project cost allocated to public art, capped at \$25,000. Projects below the threshold are exempt, providing a fair and balanced approach.

**Planning for Public Art**

- A Master Plan for Public Art, specifically to identify locations for art installations, could be considered.
- The Arts Commission should be involved in selecting art for designated locations. The Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) could create its own plans for specific areas.
- Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds could potentially be used for public art in the Grand River Corridor.
- Planning Consultant Bahm suggested starting with a pilot project on public properties and expanding based on the success of initial installations.

Mayor Rich thanked the participants, staff and Council for their contribution.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Study Session meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk

MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER  
OCTOBER 28, 2024 – 7:30 PM

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Rich at 7:32PM.

Council Members Present: Aldred, Boleware, Bridges, Bruce, Dwyer, Knol and Rich

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian; Assistant City Manager Mondora; City Clerk Lindahl; Directors Aranowski, Brockway, Rushlow and Skrobola, Police Chief King, Fire Chief Unruh, and City Attorney Joppich

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Stephen and Alan Fendt led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Rich presented a Proclamation to Alan and Stephen Fendt, honoring the Fendt family and Fendt Builders Supply, 22005 Gill Road, as they celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> year in business.

Alan Fendt shared a brief history of Fendt Builder’s Supply, which began in 1924. Alan’s grandfather, Leo (Lionel) Fendt, owned a farm and residence on Gill Road, where the business is still located. In addition to farming and selling produce at Eastern Market, Leo sold sand and gravel to local contractors. When a contractor fell behind on payments, Leo accepted a hand-operated concrete block machine as settlement, marking the start of the Fendt concrete block business. Alan joined the family business in the 1970s while attending Lawrence Tech. Fendt Builders Supply is preparing for its fourth generation, with 3 of Alan’s 4 children active in the business, including Stephen who was here tonight.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA**

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 28, 2024 AS NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY**

The following proclamation was read by Council Member Dwyer and accepted by Police Chief King, Fire Chief Unruh, and Public Services Director Rushlow. All expressed appreciation on behalf of the men and women who serve under them.

**PROCLAMATION  
National First Responders Day  
Oct. 28, 2024**

**WHEREAS,** first responders, including dispatchers, firefighters, paramedics, police officers, public works professionals, and other emergency personnel, stand on the front lines selflessly serving and protecting the Farmington Hills community in times of crisis; and,

**WHEREAS,** first responders respond swiftly and courageously to emergencies, often putting their own lives at risk to ensure the safety and well-being of others, whether in natural disasters, accidents, medical emergencies, or threats to public health and safety; and,

**WHEREAS,** first responders answer the call to duty when it arises without hesitation and tirelessly give their time and energy in humanitarian efforts by making themselves available every hour of the day, every day of the year; and,

**WHEREAS,** it is in the public interest for community members and civic leaders in Farmington Hills to learn about and maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public safety and public works; and,

**WHEREAS,** the year 2024 marks the 6th annual National First Responders Day sponsored by bipartisan resolutions in the US Senate and House.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Theresa Rich, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim Oct. 28, 2024, as National First Responders Day. I urge all citizens to join in activities, events and ceremonies paying tribute to first responders to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our health, safety and advancing the quality of life for all.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 1, 2024 AS EXTRA MILE DAY**

The following proclamation was read by Council Member Knol and accepted by Committee to Increase Voter Participation Chair Dennis Hubbard, and Committee Members Karen Bartos and Dr. Patricia Coleman-Burns.

**PROCLAMATION  
Extra Mile Day  
Nov. 1, 2024**

**WHEREAS,** the City Farmington Hills acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens collectively “go the extra mile” in personal effort, volunteerism and service; and,

**WHEREAS,** the City of Farmington Hills encourages its citizens to maximize their personal contributions to society by giving of themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, commitment and conviction to their individual ambitions, family, friends and community; and,

**WHEREAS,** the City Farmington Hills chooses to shine a light on, and celebrate, individuals and organizations who “go the extra mile” to make a difference and lift up fellow members of their community; and,

**WHEREAS,** the City of Farmington Hills acknowledges the mission of Extra Mile America to create more than 550 Extra Mile cities in our country and is proud to support “Extra Mile Day” on Nov. 1, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Theresa Rich, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim Nov. 1, 2024 to be “Extra Mile Day” and urge all members of the community to not only go the extra mile in their own lives, but also to acknowledge individuals who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country and world a better place.

Committee to Increase Voter Participation Chair Dennis Hubbard said he accepted the proclamation on behalf of the nearly 450 volunteers working to support the 2024 general election, and for all volunteers who go the extra mile for the community. Chair Hubbard explained the various ways of voting in the election, including absentee, early voting, and precinct voting on November 5, election day.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS FROM CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

John Shertel, Farmington and Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Commission, provided the October Tip of the Month, which this month is fire safety, aligning with the nationwide observance of Fire Prevention Week in early October. The week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which caused massive destruction and financial loss equivalent to \$5.7 billion today, and the death of at least 300 people. Mr. Shertel emphasized the importance of having working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms, and gave instructions for their testing, maintenance, and use. Christmas Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve are the top 3 days each year for home fires. For assistance, residents are invited to reach out to the City’s Fire Prevention Division.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Correspondence received regarding Himalayan Samarpan Meditation Week, November 4 – 10.
- Correspondence received relative to the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary celebration of Republic of Turkey.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Knol, support by Boleware, to approve items 5 through 8 of the consent agenda as read.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION by Boleware, support by Bruce, to approve items 9 and 10 of the consent agenda, as read.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

There were no items removed for discussion.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Council Member Boleware thanked the Police Department for hosting the Trunk & Treat event Saturday, October 26, which was a great success.
- Mayor Pro Tem Bridges provided an update on the recent Commission on Aging meeting, emphasizing the senior community's concerns regarding the potential closure of the Costick Center. Both the City Manager and the Mayor are actively working to reassure the public and enhance communication on this matter. They have agreed to facilitate additional opportunities for community dialogue.

The Commission on Aging is organizing a listening session to gather feedback from Costick Center users. Additionally, the Commission extended an invitation to Council members to participate in or observe various programs at the Center. Mayor Pro Tem Bridges requested that the City Manager provide a list of programs for Council members to consider attending.

- Mayor Rich reminded everyone of the Veterans' Day Celebration and Lunch at the Costick Center November 11 at 11am.
- Mayor Rich acknowledged the following events:
  - Chaldean Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Business Luncheon October 18.
  - Association of Chinese Americans gala was held October 20.
  - Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala was held October 24.
  - American Arab Chamber of Commerce gala was October 25.
  - Detroit Concert Choir performed at the Hawk October 26

**CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

City Manager Mekjian provided the following update:

- There is a video posted on the City website regarding the future of the Costick Center. There will be multiple opportunities for residents to participate in public input and participation regarding the future of senior services at the Costick Center or potentially other buildings as well.
- Landscaping will be installed in the roundabout and surrounding area on Orchard Lake Road between 12 and 13 Mile Road.
- Congratulations to City Attorney Joppich's law firm RSJA Law, which was recognized by Michigan Lawyers Weekly as a 2024 Best Women-Led Law Firm Honoree.
- Expressed appreciation to Clerk Lindahl and her team for their work on the general election.

As there was a request at the last Council meeting for a follow-up on the virulent anti-Semitic flyers that were tossed around the City a few weeks ago, City Manager Mekjian asked Police Chief King for an update, and Chief King provided the following information:

**Background of Incident:**

- Flyers were distributed in the dark early hours of October 6th.

- Over 200 plastic packets containing anti-Semitic materials were tossed in Farmington Hills.
- Other Oakland County jurisdictions affected that same night included West Bloomfield and Commerce Township.

**Farmington Hills Police Response:**

- Immediate deployment of a detective sergeant and six detectives to canvas the area.
- Collected and preserved 240 packets containing flyers and weighted materials (e.g., pebbles, sand, beans, and grill pellets).

**Interagency Coordination:**

- Chief King organized a meeting with multiple jurisdictions, including West Bloomfield, Commerce Township, Rochester Hills, Rochester, Waterford, White Lake Township, Oakland County Prosecutor's Office to meet at Farmington Hills Police Department.
- Coordinated investigatory efforts and shared leads with local, state, and federal authorities, including the FBI and U.S. Attorney's Office.
- Other cities in Wayne and Oakland County have suffered the same kind of event in the days and weekends following the incident in Farmington Hills.

**Investigative Efforts:**

- Utilized the Flock system and sent evidence to the lab for analysis.
- Investigated a group with ties to Georgia, which, when contacted, had threatened legal action against the City, citing First Amendment rights.
- The Department has utilized every available resource at local, state, and federal levels, with the Chief himself communicating with the various agencies.

**Public Communication:**

- Released a press statement emphasizing two goals:
  1. Reassuring the Jewish community of support and protection.
  2. Condemning the responsible group while staying within legal and constitutional boundaries.

**Current Status:**

- Despite extensive efforts, no prosecutable evidence or suspects have been identified.
- Investigation remains open and active.
- Commitment to pursuing charges if new evidence emerges while maintaining constitutional integrity.

**Conclusion:**

- Chief King emphasized that Farmington Hills Police Department has gone above and beyond compared to other jurisdictions.
- Will continue efforts but will not allow the group to gain undue attention.

**Council Comments**

- Council Member Aldred praised Chief King and the Department for their thorough and constitutional approach.
- Mayor Rich acknowledged the Department's coordination with other agencies. She emphasized that the neighborhoods were blanketed indiscriminately, not based on individual demographics.
- Chief King confirmed that unfortunately the mass distribution of the packets complied with local, state, and federal laws, despite its offensive nature.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE EVENT PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT FOR THE 2024 MICAREERQUESTSE TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2024. CMR 10-24-107**

Director of Public Services Rushlow explained that MyCareerQuestSE is an annual event held in Novi, aimed at exposing high school students, counselors, and teachers to in-demand career options in the region. The event focuses on creating a talent pipeline for employers in skilled trades, and features four career quadrants: advanced manufacturing, construction, health sciences, and technology.

Over 7,000 students from more than 100 schools across Oakland, Macomb, Wayne, Livingston, and Washtenaw counties participate. Interactive displays are designed and operated by professionals. The City's Department of Public Works (DPW) has participated in previous years and plans to participate again this year.

Director Rushlow recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to sign the event participation agreement for 2024, which allows the Department to participate with City equipment and staff.

MOTION by Knol, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the Event Participant Agreement for the 2024 MiCareerQuestSE to be held on November 19, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND PROJECTS; AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS. CMR 10-24-108**

**NOTICE OF INTENT RESOLUTION  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS**

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
County of Oakland, State of Michigan**

**R-216-24**

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Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held on the 28th day of October, 2024, at 7:30 o'clock p.m. prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Members Aldred, Boleware, Bridges, Bruce, Dwyer, Knol, and Rich

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Knol and supported by Member Boleware:

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan (the "City"), intends to authorize the issuance and sale of one or more series of general obligation limited tax bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended ("Act 34"), to pay all or part of the cost to acquire, construct, furnish and equip capital improvements in the City, including a) drainage projects, b) fire equipment, and c) other capital improvement projects indicated in the City's CIP Plan, together with other necessary improvements and all demolition, site improvements and all appurtenances and attachments (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, the total amount of bonds to be issued to finance the acquisition and construction of the Projects shall not exceed Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,500,000); and

WHEREAS, a notice of intent to issue bonds must be published before the issuance of the aforesaid bonds in order to comply with the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34; and

WHEREAS, the City intends at this time to state its intention to be reimbursed from proceeds of the Bonds for any expenditures undertaken by the City for the Projects prior to issuance of the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of intent to issue the Bonds in the *Farmington Press*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City.
2. The notice of intent shall be published as a **display advertisement not less than one-quarter (1/4) page in size** in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.
3. The City Council does hereby determine that the foregoing form of Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds, and the manner of publication directed, is adequate notice to the taxpayers and electors of the City, and is the method best calculated to give them notice of the City's intent to issue the Bonds, the purpose of the Bonds, the security for the Bonds, and the right of referendum of the electors with respect thereto, and that the provision of forty-five (45) days within which to file a referendum petition is adequate to insure that the City's electors may exercise their legal rights of referendum, and the newspaper named for publication is hereby determined to reach the largest number of persons to whom the notice is directed.
4. The City makes the following declarations for the purpose of complying with the reimbursement rules of Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2 pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended:
  - (a) The City reasonably expects to reimburse itself with proceeds of the Bonds for certain costs of the Projects which were paid or will be paid from funds of the City subsequent to sixty (60) days prior to today.

(b) The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for the Projects, including issuance costs, is \$8,500,000.

(c) A reimbursement allocation of the capital expenditures described above with the proceeds of the Bonds will occur not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date on which the expenditure is paid, or (ii) the date the Projects are placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the original expenditure is paid. A reimbursement allocation is an allocation in writing that evidences the City's use of the proceeds of the Bonds to reimburse the City for a capital expenditure made pursuant to this resolution.

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

AYES: Members Aldred, Boleware, Bridges, Bruce, Dwyer, Knol, and Rich

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

#### **EXHIBIT A**

##### **NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE CITY AND OF RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, intends to authorize the issuance and sale of general obligation capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in one or more series in a total principal amount of not to exceed Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,500,000), for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost to acquire, construct, furnish and equip capital improvements in the City, including a) drainage projects, b) fire equipment, and c) other capital improvement projects indicated in the City's CIP Plan, together with other necessary improvements and all demolition, site improvements and all appurtenances and attachments.

##### **BOND DETAILS**

The bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty (20) in number, with interest rates to be determined at a public or negotiated sale but in no event to exceed the maximum permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds.

##### **SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS**

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable constitutional, statutory and charter tax rate limitations.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FOURTH AND FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS AND QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT.**

MOTION by Knol, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby acknowledges the fourth and first quarter financial summary reports and quarterly investment report.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PURCHASE OF A FIRE ENGINE TO ROSENBAUER AMERICA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,052,882. CMR 10-24-109**

MOTION by Knol, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Rosenbauer America, for a Fire Engine, in the amount of \$1,052,882.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT FOR THE GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR MARKET STUDY TO GIBBS PLANNING GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,000. CMR 10-24-110**

MOTION by Knol, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for Gibbs Planning Group of Birmingham,

MI in the amount of \$85,000 for the consultant for the corridor market study of Grand River Avenue between Orchard Lake Road and 8 Mile Road, within the Corridor Improvement Authority District boundaries.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2024.**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the city council special study session meeting minutes of October 14, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 2024.**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approve the city council regular meeting minutes of October 14, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular session of City Council meeting adjourned at 8:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk