

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER
JULY 24, 2023 – 7:30 PM

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

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

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Valentine, Directors Brown and Mondora, Police Chief King, and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barnett led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

- Emails received regarding the future of the Costick Center

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

The following persons spoke in favor of keeping the Costick Center and the benefits of the pool in particular and the center for seniors:

Linda Bodzin	Shirley Carp
Ellen Silverberg	Donna Smith
Michele Artt	Ruth Morrison
Pamela Santo	Ellen Voss
Conrad Hempel	

Another speaker pointed out the many other activities offered at the Costick Center and purpose it serves other than for seniors, which had already been mentioned.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following Councilmember comments or announcements were made:

- The Founders Festival and parade were a great success

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Mekjian provided an update on the following:

- Thanked City Council for attending the Founders Festival parade and staff for their assistance with the parade

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL OF A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST DATED APRIL 24, 2023.

Steve Joppich, City Attorney, outlined the process for the appeal to the Freedom of Information Act request before Council this evening.

The requestor was not present at the meeting to speak.

Attorney Carlito Young outlined the original request and reasons for the city denying certain records, specifically a video that belonged to a third party that was not in the possession of the city at any time and therefore could not be provided as it did not exist in city records. He outlined his recommendation to uphold the Police Department's FOIA Coordinator's decision to deny certain information and/or records based on the Act.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby affirms the Police Department's partial denial of Mr. Bloemer's April 24, 2023, FOIA request for the following reasons:

1. FOIA Section 5(b) does not require the Police Department to provide any documents that do not exist.
2. FOIA Section 3(5) does not require the Police Department to create a new public record or material for a FOIA request.
3. FOIA Section 1(a) and (b) allows the Police Department to redact information that would infringe upon an individual's privacy rights or right to a fair trial.
4. The Police Department never possessed, accessed, or had access to the video referenced in the report at any time in furtherance of the investigation at issue in the appeal.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF FARMINGTON HILLS SENIOR LIVING, L.L.C. LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES. CMR 7-23-87

Bryan Farmer, Deputy Director of Special Services, stated that the city has an existing agreement with Farmington Hills Senior Living (Rose) for the city to utilize 3 rooms of theirs for city use. Rose has been a great partner working with the city and they are now in the process of renting out their new apartments and have requested leasing back a portion of one of the three rooms (Kerry Room) as office space for a year. He explained to council that the rate is determined on square footage of the space to be used and the city is comfortable with the rental rate of \$2,000 per month for one year.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve the License Agreement with Farmington Hills Senior Living Center, L.L.C.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF CARLY LINDAHL AS CITY CLERK EFFECTIVE JANUARY 22, 2024.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby appoints Carly Lindahl, Deputy City Clerk, to the position of City Clerk effective January 22, 2024 with the terms of employment and compensation to be finalized at a later date.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Deputy Clerk Lindahl thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the residents of Farmington Hills and thanked staff and her family and friends for their support.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE VOTING DELEGATE FOR THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 18, 2023.

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the appointment of Councilmember Newlin as the voting delegate and Mayor Barnett as the alternate voting delegate for the Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting on October 18, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA
RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF USER LICENSES FOR “EVIDENCE.COM” DIGITAL EVIDENCE MANAGEMENT WITH AXON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000 ANNUALLY. CMR 7-23-88

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Police Department to enter into an agreement with Axon for user licenses in the amount of \$55,000 annually. Funding for this purchase budgeted in the 2023-2024 Operating Budget, under account # 101000-300-801-098.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE INKSTER ROAD SIDEWALK, 11 MILE ROAD TO HYSTONE DRIVE, TO OLSON CEMENT WORK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,562.00. CMR 7-23-89

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the award of the 2023 Sidewalk Project to the lowest competent bidder, Olson Cement Work in the amount of \$67,562.00, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT PATROL VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH BERGER CHEVROLET IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$222,098.00. CMR 7-23-90

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Berger Chevrolet in the amount of approximately \$222,098.00 for replacement patrol vehicles for the Police Department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL PATROL VEHICLES FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT WITH GALEANA'S VAN DYKE DODGE IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$262,254.00 CMR 7-23-91

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Galeana's Van Dyke Dodge in the amount of approximately \$262,254.00 for additional patrol vehicles for the Police Department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR POLICE VEHICLE ACCESSORIES TO WINDER POLICE EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,692.92. CMR 7-23-92

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby waives the formal bid requirements and authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for Police Vehicle Equipment in the amount of \$110,692.92 to Winder Police Equipment with all the terms and conditions of the previously awarded bid from the Oakland County contract.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORTS.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CHARTER FOR AN AQUATICS ATTENDANT.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Charter for Ona Baker as an Aquatics Attendant in the Special Services Department. Ona is the daughter of Lawrence Baker who is employed in the Cultural Arts Division of the Special Services Department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2023.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of July 10, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2023.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular session meeting minutes of July 10, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ENTERING INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS TPOAM (TECHNICAL PROFESSIONAL OFFICE WORKERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN) SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS (NOTE: COUNCIL WILL RETURN TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CLOSED SESSION TO TAKE ACTION IF NEEDED AND TO CLOSE THE MEETING).

Mayor Barnett announced that City Council will return to open session immediately following the closed session to take action if needed and to close the regular meeting.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering into a closed session to discuss TPOAM (Technical Professional Office Workers Association) Collective Bargaining Agreement settlement negotiations.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council entered back into regular session immediately following the closed session at 8:54pm to close the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Bridges, support by Bruce, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 8:55pm.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk