

**MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER
APRIL 27, 2026 – 7:30 PM**

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

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: Acting City Manager Mondora, City Clerk Lindahl, Directors Aranowski, Brockway, Brown, Farmer, and Skrobola, Fire Chief Unruh and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Jerry Che.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 3 - 9, 2026 AS NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Bridges and accepted by Economic Development Director Cristia Brockway and Jerry Che, owner, New Mandarin Garden.

PROCLAMATION

National Small Business Week (May 3-9) 2026

WHEREAS, small businesses are the engine of the American economy and the foundation of a free and prosperous nation, accounting for more than 99 percent of all private sector employers and creating nearly two out of every three new jobs nationwide; and

WHEREAS, small business owners and employees represent the spirit of entrepreneurship, innovation, and determination; and,

WHEREAS, from our farms and factory floors to the frontiers of technology, small businesses drive innovation, strengthen local economies, and provide the products and services that keep America competitive, secure, and strong; and

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills is home to more than 5 thousand businesses that are owned and operated by hardworking people of all kinds. Of each dollar spent at local businesses, 68 cents stay local and recirculates to other area businesses; and,

WHEREAS, consumers who support small businesses are making a conscious commitment to support independently owned businesses and make purchases with a positive impact; and,

WHEREAS, **National Small Business Week** has been proclaimed by the President of the United States since 1963, honoring the vital role of small businesses in creating jobs, growing the economy, and anchoring our communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, the United States will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, known as Freedom 250, marking a historic opportunity to reflect on our nation's founding principle of free enterprise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Theresa Rich, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 3–9, 2026, as NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK** and encourage all citizens to support small businesses and celebrate their many achievements.

Jerry Che, co-owner, New Mandarin Garden, thanked the City on behalf of New Mandarin Garden and his family, and said it was an honor to own the oldest restaurant in Farmington Hills. Mr. Che said New Mandarin Garden was opened on August 28, 1982, by his father with a goal of great service and great food. Mr. Che and his siblings took over the restaurant when his father died in 1990, and have operated at the same location for 44 years. Mr. Che thanked the Fire Department and Police Department for their response to their restaurant fire in October 2024; New Mandarin Garden reopened in March 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS FROM CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Angie Smith, Farmington Public Schools Board Member, observed that Farmington Public Schools had a good relationship with City Council, the Police Department, and the Fire Department; and thanked Councilmembers for reading to students in March and for the Councilmembers' hard work for the City and for students.

Mayor Rich thanked Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Kelly Coffin for writing a letter of support for the Pathways for Preschool initiative; and thanked Ms. Smith for attending and Farmington Public Schools for their continued partnership.

Mike Sweeney, Emergency Preparedness Commission, announced that April is Distracted Driver Awareness Month. The Farmington African American Parent Network and Nardin Park United Methodist Church hosted a presentation about distracted driving by the Farmington Hills Police for teens between 15 and 18 years old. Recommendations included using a designated texter when driving in groups and putting your phone in the trunk of your car when driving alone.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Boleware received a complaint about graffiti at a closed gas station at Middlebelt Road and Eight Mile Road. Acting City Manager Mondora will investigate the complaint and Mayor Pro-Tem Boleware will follow up with the complainant.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rich read the following statement:

“New business agenda item 4 in my eyes presents both an easy decision and one that has required significant consideration over the past several years.

“We are going to decide tonight upon the vendor who will do the engineering and architectural work on the new activity center that will be replacing the Costick Center. Deciding on this particular vendor is a pretty easy one based on their recommended scope of work, reviews from other communities, and how impressed I have been with the companies that they are choosing as their partners.

“Regardless of where the building is located, we expect that building itself to cost \$30-35 million and have a useful life of 40-50 years. For a city with a general fund budget of \$90 million, this is going to be our largest commitment of funds for a generation.

“We presently have a very healthy fund balance of over \$60 million and are committed to both maintaining at least half of it so as to retain our AAA bond rating and using some toward the activity center.

“We have some other large pulls of taxpayer money before us in the next month when we decide on our budget for the coming fiscal year. To be at the level of public safety services our residents deserve, we added eight new firefighters in the past two years. We are probably adding eight more this coming budget year and four more in the following. We will need to add more staff in the police department.

“While none of us up here wants to increase taxes, add a millage, or even necessarily bond out for the new center, we are going to have to find this very significant investment for the new center somewhere. So yes, we will be doing more with sponsorships. We were just working on this at the study session before this meeting. And we should talk with our residents about planned giving opportunities and naming rights. If the decision is to solely focus on the Costick property, I hope to see the passion shown about that location turned to sponsorship to help us afford the things on the wish list – maybe for the Friends of the Costick Center pool or pickleball court. There will be more to follow on that.

“So this takes us to the where. The part of the decision about to be before us that has required more consideration is the where – where will be the site for the engineering and architectural work. As shared over time, I initially was quite fond of locating the new center at OCC’s campus. There were a lot of synergies there when I thought it was going to be for a sweetheart-type lease of \$1/year and be at the calmer Farmington Road entrance to OCC. When we learned that was not to be the case, that location became unviable in my eyes because we already have land upon which we can build and adding land cost made no sense to me.

“Until recently, I have been very much in favor of locating the new center at the Hawk property. There are a lot of advantages. Already, 40% of Hawk users are seniors. The new building would allow us to have a mega, multi-generational campus with the new building mostly used for senior activities. A number of other cities do just that. Sterling Heights, for instance. If located with high visibility from I-696, it would allow us to bring in significant money for naming rights that could be applied to the cost of the new center. It would allow us to sell all of the property we still own at the Costick site and put that toward the new center. Over time, it would result in more annual property tax revenue as the Costick land is built out for residential use. It would allow us to reallocate about \$300k/year that we’ve documented costs us to run services at both the Costick and Hawk campuses. I was solidly in favor of the Hawk property as how we must proceed.

“Toward the end of last year, I began re-examining all of the variables and re-reading the feedback we’ve received, as well as continuing to listen to the voices in our community. The struggle I have had – with this as well as with other projects – is finding a way to also hear what would be said by the voices of those who are not yet calling out to us, to the voices of people who may not yet be in this community, to the voices of the younger generations of people who will be entering the new center’s demographic sweet spot two decades from now. And at the same time, I needed to hear from our residents who use the Costick today, from the homebound residents who benefit from the 114k meals we feed our homebound seniors every year through Meals-on-Wheels and our congregate meals, from the retirees and others who find such satisfaction volunteering with our current programs and find community through service.

“Balancing all of the factors, neither the Costick property location nor the Hawk property location is optimal. However, at this point, we continue to pour money into upkeep of the Costick every week. So I will be supporting the option that will allow us to move the fastest to opening day that will provide the amenities our community wants and deserves. And that is the Costick property. For that reason, if there is a motion for the vendor to conduct an engineering and architecture study just on the Costick property, I will support that, and hope that our next step will be to market the remaining Costick property and turn it into property-tax paying residences.”

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Acting City Manager Mondora reported:

- A GIS based interactive construction map of 2026 construction projects has been posted on the City website, www.fhgov.com.
- The Farmington Hills Beautification Commission is hosting the annual Spring Plant and Seed Swap on Saturday, May 9th, 8:30-10:30am, rain or shine, in the Heritage Park Nature Center parking lot at 24915 Farmington Rd.
- The Division of Public Works hosted SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) University Municipal Pollution Prevention training on April 23rd with 15 participants from area

agencies. The tour highlighted the City fueling station, wash bay, liquid storage room, dispensing system, various bulk storage areas, outdoor equipment storage, and mechanics bay, all showcasing the DPW's dedication to best management practices.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY, PARCEL #22-23-34-126-033, TO ANDREW HABLE. CMR 4-26-53

Economic Development Director Brockway was present on behalf of this request for approval of an ordinance to authorize the conveyance of a City owned property, and for the City Manager to sign a quitclaim deed.

Director Brockway explained that the City acquired the property in 2004 due to tax foreclosure. The property is an orphaned piece of landlocked property near Folsom Road and Farmington Road. The applicant, Andrew Hable, has presented his interest and made the required deposit. The total amount of the property for sale is \$1,700.

City Attorney Joppich explained that an ordinance to authorize the conveyance of a City owned property was required by the City Charter, and noted that the Purchase Agreement had been signed by both parties on April 8, 2026.

MOTION by Aldred, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an Ordinance authorizing the conveyance of the property located at 22-23-34-126-033 to Andrew Hable for the sum of \$1,700, and authorizes the Acting City Manager to sign the quit claim deed and any other documents necessary for closing and conveying said property to Andrew Hable, conditioned upon and subject to his compliance with the terms of the Purchase Agreement between Andrew Hable and the City.

Discussion

In response to a question from Mayor Rich, Director Brockway said the applicant currently owns the property at 32652 Cadillac Street.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT WITH NEUMANN/SMITH ARCHITECTURE FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE NEW ACTIVITIES CENTER. CMR 4-26-54

Director of Central Services Michelle Aranowski explained that following an initial assessment by Sports Facility Companies in November 2025, the City held a thorough selection process for architectural and engineering services. A request for proposals opened on February 25, 2026, and was advertised on the MITN e-procurement site. Notifications were sent to over 2500 firms; including 872 firms classified as

minority, women, veteran, disabled, or disadvantaged owned. Fifteen firms submitted proposals. A multi-department committee selected five firms for interviews and identified Neumann/Smith Architecture as the most qualified firm based on their 57 years of experience and specialized municipal portfolio which includes successful community center projects for the City of Oak Park, Washtenaw County, and the City of Midland. Neumann/Smith Architecture has assembled a comprehensive sub-consultant group to support the project and will lead the project through all phases with collaboration with City staff and the construction manager contractor. Phase one is site evaluation, data research, and building needs assessment. Phase two is development of facility concepts and master planning. Phase three is preparation of sealed construction documents and value engineering to ensure budget control. Phase four is construction administration, occupancy support, and warranty documentation.

Gene Carroll, Neumann/Smith Architecture, Southfield, noted the importance of the project. Neumann/Smith Architecture would be the Primary on the project and would use consultants they have experience with. Neumann/Smith Architecture has 57 years of experience with a central focus on Southeast Michigan, and is currently working on several community centers. Mr. Carroll said that community centers were important because of how they serve the community and enhance the lives of residents. Community centers should be accessible and durable, and meet operating efficiencies and staffing models that make them last.

Mr. Carroll said that Neumann/Smith Architecture has specialized in community centers for over 30 years. Their first community center was Summit Park in Canton. Other projects include the Holocaust Center, The Hospice Home of Southeast Michigan, and a number of office buildings. Neumann/Smith Architecture, and consultants IMEG and Grissim Metz Andriese Associates, were local and familiar with the Farmington Hills community and the community center market type.

Mr. Carroll introduced the consultant team:

- IMEG Engineering - engineering disciplines (mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection, and technology)
- Tom Sovel, Spalding DeDecker - civil engineering
- Ruby Associates - structural engineering
- Grissim Metz Andriese Associates - landscape design
- Water Technologies - aquatic environment
- Joel Schultz, JS2 Designs - food services consulting

Mr. Carroll noted:

- Tom Sovel, Spalding DeDecker, was involved in the The Hawk renovation.
- Joel Schultz, JS2 Designs, was experienced with Meals on Wheels.
- The IMEG team represents a national practice with over 1400 engineers and specializes in community center design.
- Bill Weaver, Water Technologies, had over 30 years of experience designing aquatic centers nationwide.

Mr. Carroll emphasized the importance of community centers and noted the high level of community engagement regarding the new Farmington Hills community center. Neumann/Smith Architecture wanted to make the community center unique and special to the community, was delighted to be considered for the project, and looked forward to working with the City for the duration of the project.

Council questions

In response to comments from Councilmember Bridges, Mr. Carroll agreed that Neumann/Smith Architecture would have an important role in the quality of the project and that the proposed contract was for a certain cost – a lump sum contract.

In response to a question from Mayor Rich, Mr. Carroll said senior programming was different for every community, and that senior community center design should target multi-generational support and activities between seniors and other members of the community including youth mentoring programming. Mr. Carroll also said that some senior programming was typical for senior community centers and that it was important for a broad design to serve a number of design disciplines, and provide a center that was efficient and sustainable, accessible and inclusive. All design work begins with listening.

In response to a question from Councilmember Aldred, Mr. Carroll explained that Neumann/Smith Architecture had reviewed Council meetings and learned that there was a large amount of public engagement, that the community was struggling with the location of the new community center and whether the location would be challenging for integrating seniors. In response, Neumann/Smith Architecture will focus on a site evaluation that considers program goals and site challenges.

In response to a question from Councilmember Knol, Mr. Carroll explained that Neumann/Smith Architecture focused on developing flexible space while designing the Van Buren Community Center, that could be used by people at different stages of life at different times during the day.

In response to comments from Councilmember Dwyer, Mr. Carroll noted Neumann/Smith Architecture had considered the pros and cons of four different sites. The challenges of building a new community center at The Hawk site included safe entry, senior integration, and the effect of construction activity. Benefits of building a new community center at The Hawk site included program integration in the existing building and the value of shared operations. Costick is much simpler from a traffic and congestion point of view. Whatever the site, Neumann/Smith Architecture will help analyze and evaluate the project and make the best recommendations they can to the City regarding best choices and best practices.

Public comment

Liane Kufchock, Farmington Hills resident, observed that The Hawk is currently an active community center that is heavily used by residents and non-residents for programming and as a gathering space. The existing infrastructure at The Hawk includes large, shared spaces and a commercial kitchen that could be used for Meals on Wheels. The Hawk is sought after for events. The design of The Hawk was consistent with multi-generational use. Ms. Kufchock said there should be an option of a fully integrated approach that used The Hawk as groundwork, and that there should be a fully informed decision with all numbers on the table.

Sue Homant, Farmington Hills resident, said that she had visited the Neumann/Smith Architecture website, and liked examples of their design work and community engagement sessions. Ms. Homant offered to participate in a community group that worked with the firm, as an academic librarian who worked with architectural faculty and students, and who had served on a committee for a major library renovation.

Tim Parvin, Farmington Hills resident, said there were 258 cars at The Hawk at 11:00am that day and 157 cars and 11 buses at the Costick Center, and questioned whether The Hawk would be able to accommodate the combined traffic. Mr. Parvin asked whether bleachers or the outdoor locker rooms would be removed and noted that The Hawk nature trail would be an engineering challenge. Mr. Parvin said that cost savings generated by using The Hawk site could be replaced by tax revenue generated by selling and developing some of the Costick Center property. Mr. Parvin stressed the importance of a proper facility for seniors.

Eric Schmidt, Farmington Hills resident, in response to a Study Session agenda item, said he supported the safety and security of City Council members. Mr. Schmidt said he was encouraged by comments in favor of considering the Costick Center site and that he was in favor of separate facilities with available parking. Mr. Schmidt said he was happy with the presentation. He noted that any campaign donations that were received from Neumann/Smith Architecture or other groups should be disclosed for full transparency.

Suzanne Dengiz, Farmington Hills resident, said that seniors preferred the Costick Center site. Ms. Dengiz said challenges of The Hawk site included a hilly terrain, tree removal and lack of space; and that extra costs included constructing a new road. Ms. Dengiz said the soul of a community is exemplified by how children and seniors are cared for, and that seniors preferred the Costick Center site.

Lori Daro, Farmington Hills resident, shared how her neighbor introducing her to the Costick Center helped her overcome depression through attending programming and helping seniors at the Center. She asked Council not to move the senior community center to a less safe location. Ms. Daro said she talked with Congresswoman Samantha Steckloff at the Civic Resource Fair and that Congresswoman Steckloff was working on a \$5 million grant for a new Costick Center with a stipulation that the grant could not be used at The Hawk. Ms. Daro noted safety and parking concerns at The Hawk site and shared concern for seniors.

In response to public comment, Mayor Rich noted that she had not received campaign donations from anyone associated with the bid, and had not met Mr. Carroll before that day.

Council discussion

Councilmember Knol noted that she represented both seniors and the rest of the community, and that she felt there was enough room at The Hawk site to build a safe, separate senior community center with plenty of parking and that construction challenges could be addressed. She supported The Hawk site, and noted the added value of operational efficiencies and more amenities. She was opposed to raising taxes, and was concerned about long term stability and funding. The Hawk property with a separate senior community center could be a community gathering space that was already used by seniors. She acknowledged that she was in the minority, and the City should move forward with the best facility for all residents with sustainable funding.

Councilmember Bridges said he respected comments by Councilmember Knol, and that Council had always operated with fiscal discipline and the City was fiscally able to build a new senior community center at the Costick Center site. He supported the Costick Center site because there were benefits of the site and because seniors wanted the Costick Center site, and he would vote in support of the Costick

Center site. Concerns about The Hawk site including traffic and road construction were real; the City was in great financial shape and had the finances to build on the existing Costick Center site.

Councilmember Aldred noted his appreciation for the presentation, observed that there were multiple sides to the issue, and echoed Councilmember Knol's comment that the City should move forward with the best facility for all residents with sustainable funding. He supported considering The Hawk site because of potential operational savings and a unified campus. He was concerned about the rising cost of the project and was opposed to raising taxes. He noted the high cost of building and operating a six lane lap pool, and observed that the pool should be a shared community asset with maximum usage. He raised concerns as to whether building a pool at the Costick Center site would make sense in 10-20 years. He supported assessing both locations.

Councilmember Starkman observed that the location of the new senior community center was a matter of community wellness and inclusivity. He agreed that future users of the community center should be considered, and current users of the community center should be considered as well, and that the current users of the community center were clear about their preferences. Councilmember Starkman said he supported the Costick Center, noting the success of senior programming at the Center, that seniors could still use The Hawk, and that there was a sense of familiarity at the Costick Center site. He acknowledged fiscal concerns, but thought the project was fiscally possible.

Mayor Pro-Tem Boleware said she supported reconsideration of the Costick Center site. She always envisioned the Costick Center area as a community center for seniors, noting that other age groups currently used the Costick Center for swimming, basketball, and soccer. She trusted that Neumann/Smith Architecture would listen to users and provide data to support an informed decision. She felt Council should look at all available information, and supported a fair and objective review of both sites.

Mayor Rich said she supported a Costick Center site only decision.

MOTION by Dwyer, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to execute a phased contract with Neumann/Smith Architecture for Architectural and Engineering Services related to the new Activities Center at the Costick Activities Center Site, based on the hourly fees proposed and in a total amount not to exceed \$1,771,430.00, contingent upon the negotiation and approval of a revised scope and hourly rate schedule to address only the Costick Activities Center site by the Acting City Manager, the availability of funding, and final review and approval of terms by the City Attorney; and direct the City Administration to discontinue action relating to City Council's decision at the November 24, 2025, regular meeting regarding the new activities center at The Hawk until further notice.

Discussion

Councilmember Aldred said that he would vote against the motion because the motion did not include The Hawk site, and not because he was opposed to the Costick Center site.

Councilmember Knol said she would vote against the motion because she felt both The Hawk site and the Costick Center site should be considered.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-2.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS, INC. AS THE EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRM FOR THE CITY MANAGER POSITION. CMR 4-26-55

Director of Central Services Aranowski explained that at the direction of Council, Central Services and Human Resources completed a comprehensive evaluation process to select an executive search firm for the recruitment of a new City Manager. A request for proposals opened on April 1, 2026, and was posted on the MITN e-procurement site. Notifications were sent to over 1500 firms; including 785 firms classified as minority, women, veteran, disabled, or disadvantaged owned. Seventeen firms submitted proposals. Proposals were evaluated based on firm expertise, methodology, timeline, and pricing. Four firms were selected for interviews: MGT Impact Solutions, LLC, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc., Strategic Government Resources, Inc., and Yeo & Yeo HR Advisory Solutions LLC. Interview performance indicators included experience on a specific team assigned to the City, historical placement success rates, ability to ensure a fair evaluation of both internal and external candidates, and protocols for reporting to and collaborating with Council. Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. scored highest in the interview based on their comprehensive approach and alignment with City requirements.

Mayor Rich noted that she participated in the interviews with Councilmember Dwyer and Mayor Pro-Tem Boleware.

Councilmember Starkman asked for more information regarding the interview process.

In spite of the fact that they were not always on the same wavelength, Mayor Pro-Tem Boleware said that Raftelis Financial Consultants was the only finalist that each of the interviewers agreed on as their top choice.

Mayor Rich provided details regarding the detailed interview process. She agreed that Raftelis Financial Consultants was the interviewers' choice, and noted that the firm had previously held many sessions in Farmington Hills while leading the City through the visioning process last year, and knew the community well.

City Attorney Joppich noted that all of the firms being considered were identified in the meeting packet, and that no decision had been made and that it was up to Council to make a decision after receiving a recommendation from staff.

MOTION by Knol, support by Starkman, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to issue a purchase order to Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. for Executive Search Firm for City Manager in the amount of \$38,700.00.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor’s recommendation to appoint the following individuals to various Boards and Commissions:

Farmington Hills Beautification Commission

	Length of Term:	Term ending:
Sherri Garrett	3 years	February 1, 2029

Sherri Garrett will fill the regular vacancy left by Alex Clar.

Innovation, Energy & Environmental Sustainability Commission

	Length of Term:	Term ending:
Mark Garrett	3 years	February 1, 2029

Mark Garrett will fill the alternate vacancy left by Rachel Quinn.

Commission on Children, Youth & Families

	Length of Term:	Term ending:
Maiia Kishchukova	3 years	February 1, 2029

Maiia Kishchukova will fill the regular vacancy left by Adam Whitfield.

Farmington Hills Historical Commission

	Length of Term:	Term ending:
Steven J. Hanley	3 years	February 1, 2029

Steve J. Hanley will fill the regular vacancy left by Lee Cox.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY AND QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORTS.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED AUTHORIZATION FOR A SPECIAL LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 25, 2026. CMR 4-26-56

MOTION by Bridges, support by Starkman , that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes Special Services staff to submit a Special License Application for the America's 250th Anniversary Celebration, which will be held on June 25, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A WAGE REOPENER TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE TEAMSTERS STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL WORKERS LOCAL 214. CMR 4-26-57

MOTION by Bridges, support by Starkman that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to sign the Tentative Agreement with Teamsters ratified by the parties and outlined in the City Manager's Report to Mayor and Council (CMR 4-26-57).

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A WAGE REOPENER TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 2659. CMR 4-26-58

MOTION by Bridges, support by Starkman, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to sign the Tentative Agreement with IAFF ratified by the parties and outlined in the City Manager's Report to Mayor and Council (CMR 4-26-58).

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CHARTER FOR A CAREER FIREFIGHTER. CMR 4-26-59

MOTION by Bridges, support by Starkman, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves an employment request per Section 10.01A of the City Charter for Caleb Pudlik, who is related to an employee of the City, Raymond Pudlik, Paid-on-Call Lieutenant.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE 2026 HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA OAKLAND COUNTY SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT. CMR 4-26-60

MOTION by Bridges, support by Starkman, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves that the Acting City Manager be authorized to execute the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Oakland County Subrecipient Agreement and any associated documents or agreements.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the following resolution:

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

**RESOLUTION APPROVING HIGH DENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING
AREA GRANT AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY**

RESOLUTION NO. R-92-26

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held on April 27, 2026, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, with those present and absent being,

PRESENT: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH AND
STARKMAN
ABSENT: NONE

the following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilperson Bridges and supported by Councilperson Starkman:

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills Police Department has for several years participated as member of the Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team ("N.E.T."), a multijurisdictional drug enforcement task force under the direction and supervision of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County, as the legal entity that administers N.E.T. submitted an Initiative Description and Budget Proposal to the Executive Board of the High Intensity Drug

Trafficking Area (“HIDTA”) requesting the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy, (“ONDCP”) to grant N.E.T. an award for program year 2026 to reimburse participating agencies for eligible for law enforcement officer overtime; and

WHEREAS, if ONDCP awards HIDTA grant funds, the County will have the authority to allocate a portion of the funds to the City of Farmington Hills; and

WHEREAS, in order to receive reimbursement from HIDTA grant funds, the City is required to enter into a subrecipient agreement with Oakland County by adopting a Resolution of approval, which will permit the City to receive reimbursement of approximately \$6,600.00; and

WHEREAS, the HIDTA grant agreement with Oakland County has been reviewed by the Police Department and City Attorney’s Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City hereby approves the Program Year 2026 High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Subrecipient Agreement with Oakland County and authorizes the City Manager to sign the Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH AND STARKMAN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills at a regular meeting held on the 27th day of April, 2026, the original of which resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this 28th day of April, 2026.

CARLY LINDAHL, City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM NO. 5 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR AS NEEDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTING SERVICES WITH AKT PEERLESS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES. CMR 4-26-61

MOTION by Bridges, support by Starkman that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves Addendum No. 5 to the Agreement for As Needed Economic Development Consulting Services, Contract no. FH-20-21-2279, dated July 13, 2021, by and between the City of Farmington Hills and AKT Peerless Environmental Services, and authorize the Acting City Manager and City Clerk to execute said amendment on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF PROCARE SERVICE FOR CARDIAC MONITORS AND LUCAS DEVICES WITH STRYKER MEDICAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,344.52. CMR 4-26-62

MOTION by Bridges, support by Starkman that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to issue a purchase order to Stryker Medical in the amount of \$26,344.52 for the purchase of ProCare Service for cardiac monitors and LUCAS devices.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDITING SERVICES TO YEO & YEO, CPA'S AND ADVISORS FOR THREE YEARS IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$102,750 IN THE FIRST YEAR WITH ANNUAL ESCALATORS OF 4%, WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 4-26-63

MOTION by Bridges, support by Starkman, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to issue a purchase order to Yeo & Yeo, CPA's & Advisors for Professional Financial and Compliance Auditing Services for three (3) years, in the estimated amount of \$102,750 in the first year, with annual escalators of 4%, beginning with the 2025/26 audit, with possible extensions.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR ROCK SALT FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL TO DETROIT SALT COMPANY FOR A NOT TO EXCEED TOTAL OF AMOUNT OF 5,850 TONS OR \$420,089 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 AND AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF 5,850 TONS OR \$441,090 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027/2028, WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 4-26-64

MOTION by Bridges, support by Starkman, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to issue a purchase order to Detroit Salt Company for a not to exceed total of amount of 5,850 tons or \$420,089 for fiscal year 2026/2027 and for an estimated amount of 5,850 tons or \$441,090 for fiscal year 2027/2028. In addition, it is recommended that the City Council authorize the Acting City Manager to issue purchase orders for Rock Salt to Detroit Salt Company for four (4) additional one-year extensions at the approved 5% per year increase upon mutual consent between the City and Detroit Salt Company.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR THE RESURFACING OF THE BAY FLOORS AT ALL FIVE FIRE STATIONS TO WING CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$174,996.00. CMR 4-26-65

MOTION by Bridges, support by Starkman that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to issue a purchase order to Wing Construction, Inc., to resurface the bay floors at all five (5) fire stations, in the amount of \$174,996.00 with the ability to add ancillary spaces with a total project cost not to exceed \$200,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR NEW FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS AT THE DPW, FIRE STATION 2 AND FIRE STATION 3/GRANT CENTER TO REDGUARD FIRE & SECURITY, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$155,162. CMR 4-26-66

MOTION by Bridges, support by Starkman, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to sign an agreement and issue a purchase order for the new Fire Alarm Systems at DPW, Fire Station 2 and Fire Station 3/Grant Center to RedGuard Fire & Security in an amount not to exceed \$155,162 (\$129,302 + \$25,860 contingency).

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR PREPARATION AND EXTERIOR STAINING OF THE NATURE CENTER AND FARMINGTON HILLS GOLF CLUB TO MPS COMPANY, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,096.00. CMR 4-26-67

MOTION by Bridges, support by Starkman, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to execute a purchase order to MPS Company, LLC. in the amount of \$52,096.00 (\$47,360.00 plus a 10% contingency cost of \$4,736.00 for unforeseen costs once the project starts) for the preparation and exterior staining at the Nature Center and the Farmington Hills Golf Club.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR CARES OF FARMINGTON HILLS AND WESTSIDE ROD & CUSTOM CARS CRUISE-IN AND COMMUNITY NIGHT TO BE HELD WEDNESDAYS THROUGH OCTOBER 2026.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Starkman, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for CARES of Farmington Hills in collaboration with Westside Rod & Custom Cars to hold Cruise-In and Community Night every Wednesday from 4pm to 8pm beginning May 6 through October 28, 2026, at CARES of Farmington Hills located at 27835 Shiawassee Street, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- The event is open to the public and expecting 150 people
- One (1) 5' x 7" tent will be on the applicant's property
- Music on site and applicant advised on the local noise ordinance
- There is no issue with egress and ingress for emergency vehicles
- There will be no parking within 20' of any tent
- Egress shall be maintained throughout the building
- Fires lanes shall not be blocked or restricted
- Cooking/open flame devices shall not be used under tents/awnings and shall be at least 20' away
- All applicable permits shall be applied for through the Building Department
- The proponent must contact Fire Prevention to schedule an inspection prior to beginning the event. To include the Hot Dog Cart vendor
- The event shall comply with minimum Fire Prevention Code requirements

- Additionally, it has been strongly recommended that the proponent set up barriers for the congregating areas around the DJ and food truck, so pedestrians and vehicle traffic are defined

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

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

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

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

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The regular session of City Council meeting adjourned at 9:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk