

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
MARCH 24, 2014 – 7:30 PM
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER**

The regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Brickner at 7:32 p.m.

Council Members Present: Brickner, Bridges, Bruce, Knol, Lerner, Massey, and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Boyer, Assistant to the City Manager Geinzer, Directors Gardiner, Lasley, Mekjian, Schnackel, Police Chief Nebus, Fire Chief Bartsch, and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tim Tutak, Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Commission, led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Massey, support by Lerner, to approve the agenda as amended with Item #22 on the Consent Agenda removed for discussion.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING 8:30 – 9:30 P.M. ON SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014 AS EARTH HOUR

The proclamation was read by Councilmember Bridges.

**PROCLAMATION
Earth Hour
8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on March 29, 2014**

WHEREAS, Earth Hour, organized by the World Wildlife Foundation, is a global initiative that calls on individuals and businesses around the world to turn off their lights for one hour on Saturday, March 29, 2014 between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills Commission on Energy and Environmental Sustainability helps local businesses and residents save both energy and resources and also encourages sustainable practices in everyday life; and

WHEREAS, the Farmington Hills Nature Center is hosting “One Starry Night – an Earth Hour Event” on March 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. to encourage families to turn off their lights and explore the cosmos; and

WHEREAS, Farmington Hills unites with nearly one billion people in more than 4,000 cities on seven continents in the observance of Earth Hour 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Barry Brickner, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2014 as **Earth Hour** in the City of Farmington Hills and call upon our citizens to become better educated about how individual actions can have a global impact and help change our planet for the better.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 6 – 12, 2014 AS SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

The proclamation was read by Councilmember Knol and accepted by Tim Tutak, Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Commission. Mr. Tutak stated that the Emergency Preparedness Commission is going to publish in their newsletter the steps that residents should take in case of Severe Weather. He noted that the newsletter now reaches approximately 700 people state wide.

**PROCLAMATION
Severe Weather Awareness Week
April 6 – 12, 2014**

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Snyder and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson have declared the week of April 6 – 12, 2014 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County Homeland Security Division will be engaged in various public education efforts during Severe Weather Awareness Week to help minimize the loss of life and destruction of property that can result from severe weather; and

WHEREAS, to further raise the awareness level of severe weather safety and to promote tornado safety preparedness, Oakland County will conduct a special test of its Outdoor Warning System sirens on **Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Barry Brickner, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 6 – 12, 2014 as **Severe Weather Awareness Week** in Farmington Hills and encourage all residents, schools, and businesses to test their severe weather action plans to ensure the safety of everyone in our community.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2014 AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

The proclamation was read by Councilmember Steckloff and accepted by Colleen Monahan from HAVEN. Ms. Monahan thanked the City of Farmington Hills for this recognition and for designating April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

**PROCLAMATION
Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 2014**

- WHEREAS,** Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every member of the community; and
- WHEREAS,** we must work together to educate our citizens about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and
- WHEREAS,** the Farmington Hills High Risk Response Team was recognized for exemplary service and commitment to the victims of domestic violence and sexual assault at the 2013 Oakland Domestic Violence Prevention Awards ceremony; and
- WHEREAS,** the High Risk Response Team monitors domestic violence offenders and ensures that victims receive the comprehensive care they deserve by coordinating with forensic nurses specially trained to handle sexual assault cases; and
- WHEREAS,** the Team is a multi-disciplinary task force with members from the Farmington Hills Police Department Investigative Division, the 47th District Court, HAVEN, and others dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Barry Brickner, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month** in Farmington Hills and do strongly support increasing education, awareness, and community involvement in an effort to prevent sexual violence and create a safer environment for all.

COMMISSION FOR ENERGY AND ENVIROMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY “TIP OF THE MONTH”

CEES Tip of the Month
March 24, 2014
Read by Councilmember Bruce

Don't forget! Earth Hour is coming up on Saturday, March 29th. Join in with millions of people in more than 125 countries and 4,600 cities around the world in turning off your lights for 60 minutes on March 29th from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Your family can also join the Nature Center in recognizing Earth Hour with “One Starry Night,” which takes place on March 29th from 7 to 9 p.m. at Heritage Park.

In addition, Earth Day is less than a month away and the City of Farmington Hills will be celebrating in grand fashion at Heritage Park with games, activities, and displays for kids and

their Families on April 22nd from 5 to 7 p.m. and adults can register for the first annual Earth Day Afterglow at the Longacre House from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Help celebrate the planet and our “green” community! For more information and tips, visit www.sustainablefh.com.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION “TIP OF THE MONTH”

Emergency Preparedness Commission
Tip of the Month
March 24, 2014
Read by Councilmember Massey

This month the Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Commission is emphasizing knowledge and preparedness for weather and tornado-related events.

In Michigan, most tornadoes occur in April, May, June and July, usually between 3 and 7 p.m. Oakland County ranks third highest in Michigan for the number of tornadoes. To alert residents when a tornado has been sighted, Oakland County has more than 200 outdoor warning sirens, nine of which are located in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Oakland County activates the siren system either when radar indicates severe weather conditions are present, when an actual tornado or funnel cloud is sighted or when wind speeds are 70 mph or higher. Be aware that the sirens are only activated for these specific weather conditions, not for acts of terrorism, toxic spills or any other Civil Defense matters.

Testing of the warning system occurs on first Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. during the months of May through November.

March is a good time for you and your family to have a tornado drill. You should have your 72-hour kit ready – including a battery operated radio – to take to your basement, or other designated area in your home.

Try to make the drill a fun family event. Practice your drill as a family or household group. Perhaps you could go out for a treat afterwards, or give prizes to children who remember what to do. Praise everyone who participates.

For more information about tornado preparedness, and for answers to your emergency preparedness questions, to get your own free copy of the Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Handbook or for information on attending the Emergency Preparedness Commission meetings, please visit the website at www.FHReady.com.

PRESENTATION OF 2013 ANNUAL REPORTS: FIRE DEPARTMENT AND POLICE DEPARTEMENT

Fire Department Annual Report

Fire Chief Bartsch noted that the Farmington Hills Fire Department consists of both career and paid-on-call firefighters. He reviewed the 2013 Fire Department Annual Report outlining the number of calls and incidents by day, time and category and noting that their number of runs has increased by just over 6 percent from last year. He discussed the training involved and recruitment activities. Chief Bartsch commented that they had approximately 700 people attend their Open House and they continue to provide forums in the schools to educate children on fire safety. He noted the awards and citations for the Department.

Councilmember Massey inquired about the Department's ability to receive compensation for runs associated with power lines and false alarms. Chief Bartsch responded that the city does have the ability to be compensated for those costs when appropriate.

Dr. Massey inquired about the recruitment and loss of firefighters. Chief Bartsch explained that recruitment and retention of firefighters is an issue nationally and there have been fewer recruits in Farmington Hills than in past years.

Police Department Annual Report

Police Chief Nebus presented the 2013 Police Department Annual Report discussing the various crime statistics. He noted that Farmington Hills was noted as the 2nd safest city in Michigan and 44th safest City in the United States. Chief Nebus stated that the number of runs for the Police Department was down by .4 percent. He discussed the activity of the Operations and Investigation Bureaus and commented on the construction activity taking place at the Department. Chief Nebus mentioned the various programs through the Department such as Neighborhood Watch, Leads on-line, Operation Medicine Cabinet and intern program. He acknowledged the awards and citations for the Department.

Councilmember Bridges asked Chief Nebus to provide an update on the hiring of minority Police Officers.

Chief Nebus responded that the Department has extended job offers to 10 minorities over the past year and 7 jobs have been accepted. He added that they are currently going through the hiring process for new Officers for which they have had minorities apply.

Mr. Bridges thanked Chief Nebus for the update.

UPDATE FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONER GERSHENSON

County Commissioner Gershenson stated that the Oakland County Bar Association is inviting the public to a free legal clinic on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at the Bloomfield Township Library. They will be holding group sessions on landlord/tenant issues, juveniles with court records, driver's license restoration as well as one-on-one meetings.

She noted that the Medicaid expansion is going to take effect on April 1, 2014. There are over 400,000 Michigan residents who may qualify for this plan. Michigan has a new model for the plan that includes incentives and cost sharing, and this program is designed for Michigan residents who cannot afford private insurance.

CORRESPONDENCE

Councilmember Bridges stated that he received correspondence from a resident regarding a road drainage issue.

City Manager Brock stated that he would respond to the resident on that matter.

Mayor Brickner stated that he received correspondence regarding the maintenance of Eight Mile Road between Founders Sports Park and the expressway. Mayor Brickner explained that eight Mile is maintained by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Wayne County Road Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, to approve Consent Agenda items #13 – 21 and 23 – 28 as read by Mayor Pro Tem Bruce.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Councilmember Massey stated that he spoke to City Attorney Joppich regarding Consent Agenda item #22, Emergency Medical Billing Services; and at the advice of the City Attorney he is going to abstain from discussion on this matter due to a conflict of interest. He explained that, Parastar, who bid on the services, is affiliated with Botsford Hospital; and he sits on the Board at Botsford Hospital.

Councilmember Massey excused himself from the dais and joined the audience during the discussion and decision regarding Consent Agenda item #22 Emergency Medical Billing Services.

Director of Central Services Lasley stated that this item is an award of contract for Emergency Medical Billing Services. The City of Farmington Hills Fire Department transports approximately 4,273 patients per year and the city utilizes a billing agency to process the approximately 1.5 million dollars in claims collected for those transports. He noted that this data collection piece is vital to accurate billing and follows the patient to the hospital; and once the data is collected and electronically transferred, the billing agency manages each claim through payment. Mr. Lasley explained that for this service, the billing agency retains a contracted percentage of each collected payment.

Mr. Lasley stated that there were eight proposals received and a multi-step process with an evaluation committee was used, which included City staff and representatives from all four (4) fire departments of the other communities involved; Farmington Hills, St. Clair Shores, Livonia and Northville Township. The committee qualified three (3) of the eight (8) companies based on the evaluation process and pricing for only those qualifying firms was opened.

Mr. Lasley explained the evaluation process used to ensure the committee focused on best practices; and noted that the committee ultimately determined that AccuMed Group Billing was the most qualified and best value firm.

There was discussion regarding the collection fees versus what the city is currently paying and the average percentage collected by the current vendor (70-72%) and AccuMed Group (75-77%).

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce asked if the difference in the percentages collected would make that big of a difference because the collection rate is about the same.

Chief Bartsch stated that due to the efficiencies with the proposed new software program, the Department will save approximately 25% in time spent completing reports, which will account for approximately \$25,000 per year in wages. He added that the efficiencies will also allow crews to get to their next call or assignment faster.

Councilmember Bridges asked how the contract will be affected since there is no commitment at this time from some of the other communities involved on the committee such as St. Clair Shores or Northville Township.

Director Lasley explained that each agency was awarding the contract on their own so it will not affect Farmington Hills if the other jurisdictions decide not to approve the contract. Director Lasley stated that because the contract allows this offer to be extended to other communities, he feels that in time there will be other Departments that will also approve this agreement.

Councilmember Lerner expressed that the group the City has been using for 20 years was not evaluated. He stated that it was his understanding that the criteria to put Parastar out of the running came from the first round of evaluations where three companies were identified that demonstrated their abilities to collect receivables, safe-guard data collected and provide customer service in an ethical, professional and responsible manner. He inquired if the City was having a problem with Parastar in one of those three areas.

Director Lasley stated that there have been concerns with Parastar and there has been an ongoing effort between all of the Fire Departments involved who have been meeting with Parastar on a monthly basis in an attempt to address these concerns. He explained that the RFP was put together based on the needs of the Fire Department, their personnel, what they need to perform their jobs, and the firms were evaluated based on that criteria. Mr. Lasley clarified that Parastar was evaluated extensively along with all of the bidders and the only their pricing was not opened as they were not identified as one of the top vendors to go on to that next step.

Councilmember Lerner has concerns about the collection rate because it varies greatly from city to city. He would like to see the collection rates for a City with a similar level of diversity as Farmington Hills in economic household incomes. He stated that it would seem that the difference in collection rate is going to far out weigh the cost of the contract.

Director Lasley stated that one of the critical components that they are trying to stress is the software program that is going to be provided. It is a product called ESO. He explained the difference between the current software and what is offered in ESO. He commented that the Fire Department finds the current software to be very cumbersome and they have asked for changes that still have not been made. Mr. Lasley stated that when the firefighters tested all of the products, they felt the data going into the ESO software would be much better and would result in better data at the end through to the billing process. He mentioned that there have been other issues with the current company such as lost date and bills and poor customer service.

Chief Bartsch further described the ease of the ESO software.

Councilmember Knol asked what the training costs that would be involved to switch over to a new system.

Director Lasley stated that the cost of unlimited training is built into the contract amount.

Chief Bartsch added that he will be providing training during drills.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bruce inquired about the response from Parastar when they have been approached in the past regarding these concerns.

Deputy Fire Chief Panoushek responded that a number of the issues have been addressed and resolved but there are still outstanding issues.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby postpones consideration of award of the Contract for Emergency Medical Billing Services to a Special Study Session of March 31, 2014 with a Special Regular Meeting immediately following.

MOTION CARRIED 5-1-0-1 (Steckloff opposed and Massey abstained)

City Manager Brock stated that staff can provide more information to Council, but his recommendation is not going to change. He commented that staff has been very objective during the review of this proposed contract and it is felt that operating issues will be enhanced with the new product.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Norene Yuskowatz, representing Commission on Aging, invited the community to 2014 Project Healthy Living, being held on Friday, April 4th from 9-2p.m. at the Costick Center. This activity is sponsored by the Commission on Aging, Botsford Hospital, and the City of Farmington Hills Senior Division. Anyone 18 years or older is welcome and there is no residency requirement. She noted that there will be 15 different blood tests available ranging from \$5.00 to \$55.00 and several free screenings. More information is available at www.projecthealthyliving.org

Darryl Kassak, Willow Lane, stated that he lives in Meadowbrook Heights and for years his water has contained rust and/or silt. He has installed a whole house water filter, but the filter only lasts 4 days. He has called Oakland County and they have directed him to the City.

City Manager Brock stated that he will follow up with Mr. Kassak on this issue following the meeting.

Adam Dennison, stated that he lives in Farmington on Loomis Court and he is the current President of the Jaycees. He announced that the Jaycees is offering free membership for Police Officer, Firefighters, and Military for 2014. Their chapter theme for the year is "Create Lasting Change". The goal they are focusing on is "Reducing Long Term Poverty and Eradicating Extreme Hunger". He noted that their upcoming events include:

- April 12th – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Annual Egg Hunt at Shiawassee Park
- May 4th – Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser
- Cash Blitz at local retailers
- Speed Networking Session and Resume Building Sessions

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

- Thank you to the Police Department for the Neighborhood Watch Meeting and encouraged participation in that Program; and for the Drugs 101 seminar put on by the Police Department and Farmington Public Safety at North Farmington High School. Drug forfeiture money was used for that seminar to educate parents about drug use.
- Acknowledged a program to educate the public regarding employment that is available in the Arts. It was a very good program and Nancy Coumoundouros, Cultural Arts Director, did a great job explaining everything the City of Farmington Hills does to promote Arts.
- The Fire Department is offering First Aid Training on May 7th from 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Fire Station #4.

- The City is participating in the 8th Annual National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 26th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- On Friday, March 28, 2014 there will be an Eastern Michigan University Symposium starting 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Botsford Hospital is considering a merger that would include Oakwood and Beaumont Hospitals.
- Curbside yard waste will start the week of April 7th and go through late November.
- The round-about on 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road will start this year and be completed early next year.
- Art After Dark will be held on May 3, 2014 at the Costick Center
- Encouragement to vote for local contestant, Jena Irene, who is a finalist on American Idol and a student at North Farmington High School
- Telephone land lines are going to be phased out within the next three years. Land lines will still be available, but will be on a different type of system.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Brock provided the following update:

- Encouraged residents to sign up for NIXLE. It is for Police notifications and also things like Water Main Breaks
- April 5th will be the first Hazmat Drop Off scheduled for this season in Wixom and the next one will be April 26th at the RRRASOC facility on 8 Mile Road, Saturday, May 10th there will be one held at OCC
- We have had a very bad year for roads but this season will be particularly bad for gravel roads. The City has started attending to the gravel road and if there is a significant problem, call the DPW
- Farmington Hills and Farmington are going to apply for a grant to mill and recap a portion of Grand River
- City Manager Brock is the Chairman of the Oakland County Public Transit Authority Board which is the entity that collects the Oakland County Public Transit Authority Millage and gives that money to SMART in exchange for them to deliver service to the suburban communities. It has been .59 mills since its inception back in the mid-1990. The SMART Board is going to ask for an increase up to 1 mill.
- Brighthouse has announced that they are no longer offering analog channels the ability to receive programming if you have an old television without a converter box
- April 9th the City is offering a Micro-Loan orientation workshop at City Hall
- DWSD is discussing the possibility of an authority
- Farmington Falcons Hockey team won the State Championship
- A resident of Farmington Hills, Andy Anastos made the All-Rockie Team in the East Coast Hockey League and her father is the coach of Michigan State Spartans.

Mayor Brickner called a 5 minute recess.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING CONFIRMING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE PEARL STREET SANITARY SEWER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, C-342 CMR 3-14-24

Director of Public Services Mekjian stated that as part of the requirements for our MPDS Storm Water Permit the City is required to periodically sample outfalls throughout the community for illicit discharges to the storm sewer and receiving waters. During the check it was discovered that there are five (5) homes and one (1) business in this area that are illicitly connected to the storm system. There have been several public meetings with the residents in an effort to move a Special Assessment District forward. Mr. Mekjian stated that this is the second required public hearing at which time staff is asking Council to approve the assessment

roll for this project. He noted that after the bids were received for the project, the proposed costs have been reduced to a total project cost of \$74,415.00 and single unit assessment of \$6,352.50. The Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office has received a grant from the Rouge Program Office to cover 50% of the construction costs, and those funds are available until May 1, 2014.

City Attorney Joppich stated that City Council had asked him at the last public hearing to review the issue of case law supporting advice that he provided at that time. He noted that there is a State statute that supports that these types of violations have to be corrected, and they are an environmental contaminate issue that is subject to enforcement.

Mayor Brickner opened the Public Hearing.

Daniel Wolf, Pearl Street, stated that his property is part of this Special Assessment District, and he has supplied the City Clerk with an amended written objection in order to reserve his right to appeal. He added that he agrees with the City Attorney that the benefits from the repair do have to equal the cost that is being imposed that is mentioned in the Charter.

Mayor Brickner closed the Public Hearing as there was nobody else wishing to speak.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the resolution confirming the Pearl Street Sanitary Sewer Project Special Assessment Roll C-342.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-1-2014 AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 18, "OFFENSES," ARTICLE I, "GENERAL," SECTION 18-8, "BEGGING," TO PROHIBIT LOITERING IN A PUBLIC PLACE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AGGRESSIVE BEGGING

MOTION by Massey, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-1-2014 amending City Code, Chapter 18, "Offenses," Article I, "General," Section 18-8, "Begging," to prohibit loitering in a public place for the purpose of aggressive begging.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO THE MILLENNIAL MAYORS CONGRESS

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to appoint David M. Prentice to the Millennial Mayors Congress.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AN INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CITY CODE CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE IV, "BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COUNCILS," DIVISION 5, "CITIZENS CORPS COUNCIL FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS," SECTION 2-191, "ESTABLISHED," SECTION 2-193, "MEMBERS; APPOINTMENT," AND SECTION 2-194, "TERMS OF OFFICE," TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND PARTICIPATION OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS AND OPTIONAL REFERENCE NAMES FOR THE CITIZENS CORPS COUNCIL FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

City Attorney Joppich stated that this is an amendment to the existing ordinance regarding the Emergency Preparedness Commission that incorporates the terminology EPC or Emergency Preparedness Commission that has been the name used for this Commission. The other change provides for an addition to the regular membership on the EPC to allow for the appointment of up to four (4) alternative members.

Councilmember Massey stated that the EPC advertised four (4) openings on the EPC and there were 23 residents who expressed interest. He noted that there will be four (4) people appointed in addition to these four (4) new seats.

MOTION by Massey, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves an INTRODUCTION of an Ordinance to amend City Code Chapter 2, "Administration," Article IV, "Boards, Commissions and Councils," Division 5, "Citizen Corps Council for Emergency Preparedness," Section 2-191, "Established," Section 2-193, "Members; Appointment," and Section 2-194, "Terms of Office," to provide for the appointment and participation of alternate members and optional reference names for the Citizen Corps Council for Emergency Preparedness.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY FOR THE EVERGREEN AND FARMINGTON SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM, MIDDLEBELT TRANSPORT AND STORAGE TUNNEL PROJECT CMR 3-14-25

Director Mekjian introduced the Oakland County Water Resources Commission staff.

Ms. Sue Coffey explained the Evergreen and Farmington Sewage Disposal System, Middlebelt Transport and Storage Tunnel Project. Farmington Hills is one of 15 communities in the Evergreen and Farmington Sewage Disposal System. The County owns the system and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is the regulator of the system as it relates to this matter. She explained that the reason for this project is a requirement by the MDEQ to improve the sewer system as there are a few areas where there have been sanitary sewer overflows during heavy rains. In 2001 the MDEQ had a significant revision to their Sanitary Sewer Overflow Policy and became much more stringent on sewer systems that were having these types of overflow issues. Ms. Coffey stated that the upgrades are needed to improve water quality and are mandated by a Court Order.

Ms. Coffey stated that the project will be funded by the State Revolving Fund Loan Program, which is a program that the State administers from the Federal Government. The estimated project amount is \$46,600,000. She explained how the cost of the project will be allocated. Farmington Hills' portion will be 53.1%. This is a 20 year bond and the cost to the average customer will be approximately \$66 per year. The project schedule is as follows:

- Complete the design in 2014
- Award the bid in September 2014
- Starting construction in the fall 2014
- Completion in November 2016

There was discussion regarding traffic flow during the project. It was noted that there will be two-way-traffic on Middlebelt Road, except during construction for about 3 to 4 months.

Councilmember Massey asked when the current system was built and the expected life expectancy of the new system.

Ms. Coffey stated that the first contract was in 1958 so it was built throughout the 1960's and the new system is expected to last from 75 to 100 years. She clarified that this is a capacity issue not due to the condition of the system.

There was discussion regarding what has happened in this area to make this system go over capacity and whether it might be because communities to the north have had so much growth and the sewage from that is causing the system to go over capacity.

Councilmember Massey asked about other projects in Farmington Hills that are mandated and how much those projects will cost.

Ms. Coffey stated that there are two other projected projects along Eight Mile Road, but it will not be determined whether or not those projects will have to be done until after the tunnel project is completed as there is a possibility that the tunnel will take care of those issues as well.

Mayor Brickner explained that this issue was discussed at the study session meeting just prior to this regular meeting. He noted that the current sewer pipe is 30 inches in diameter and the new pipe will be 9 feet in diameter.

City Attorney Joppich explained the insurance issues regarding this project.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts a resolution establishing a contract between Oakland County and the City for the purposes of financing and constructing the referenced sewage system improvements; and

FURTHER, authorizes the City Manager to negotiate a contract as well as authorize the City Manager and Clerk to enter into said contract; and

FURTHER, authorize the City Clerk to publish public notice of the County's intention to construct and fund said projects through the sale of bonds, as well as establishing the referendum period.

MOTION CARRIED 6-1 (Massey opposed)

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF APRIL 28, 2014 FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves establishing a public hearing date of April 28, 2014 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Fiscal Year 2014/2015.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE VACATION OF A STORM SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE SANCTUARY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUBDIVISION, SECTION 22 CMR 3-14-26

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the vacation of the storm sewer easement described as:

An easement in the NW1/4 Section 22, T.1N., R.09E., Farmington Hills Township, Oakland County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the NE Corner Unit 2 of "Sanctuary of Farmington Hills" OCCP #1801; thence along the E. line Unit 2, Due South, 92.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence along the E. line of Units 2 & 3 Due South, 12.00 feet; Due West, 172.60 feet to a point on the W. line Unit 3; thence along a curve concave to the W. 6.94 feet, a radius of 60.00 feet, a chord bearing N.20°14'44"W., 6.94 feet; thence along a curve concave to the E. 5.87 feet, a radius of 60.00 feet, a chord bearing N.20°45'01"W., 5.87 feet; thence Due East, 177.08 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.048 of an acre.

contingent upon the granting of the new easement to accommodate the new storm sewer, described as:

An easement in the NW1/4 Section 22, T.1N., R.09E., Farmington Hills Township, Oakland County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the NE Corner Unit 3 of "Sanctuary of Farmington Hills" OCCP #1801; thence along the E. line Unit 3, Due South, 94.32 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing along said line Due South, 12.62 feet; thence S.71°56'53"W., 62.81 feet; thence N.67°23'39"W., 126.87 feet; thence Due North, 29.33 feet to a point on the W. line Unit 3; thence along said line a curve concave to the W. 53.61 feet, a radius of 60.00 feet, a chord bearing N.02°02'18"E., 51.85 feet; thence along a curve concave the the E. 3.14 feet, a radius of 60.00 feet, a chord bearing N.22°03'27"W., 3.14 feet; thence Due East, 11.33 feet; thence Due South, 76.05 feet; thence S.67°23'39"E., 114.42 feet; thence N.71°56'53"E., 62.28 feet; to the Point of Beginning. Containing 0.067 of an acres.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE COST HEARING DATE OF APRIL 21, 2014 FOR WESTHILL STREET ROAD REHABILITATION SPECIAL ASSESSEMENT DISTRICT, C-340 CMR 3-14-27

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the resolution establishing the Cost Hearing date of April 21, 2014 for Westhill Street Road Rehabilitation Special Assessment District, C-340.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE COST HEARING DATE OF APRIL 21, 2014 FOR LAKEHILLS DRIVE ROAD REHABILITATION SPECIAL ASSESSEMENT DISTRICT, C-341 CMR 3-14-28

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the resolution establishing the Cost Hearing date of April 21, 2014 for Lakehills Drive Rehabilitation Special Assessment District, C-340.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY FOR BALLOT LAYOUT AND ELECTION PROGRAMMING SERVICES

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Interlocal Agreement with Oakland County for Ballot Layout and Election Programming Services and authorize the City Clerk to sign and submit the Agreement to the County Clerk on behalf of the City of Farmington Hills.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION (MABAS 3203) CMR 3-14-29

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Interlocal Agreement creating the Michigan MABAS Division and agrees to appoint one member to the WWCFDMAA/MABAS association Board.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2014 PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON 10 MILE ROAD FROM ORCHARD LAKE ROAD TO FARMINGTON ROAD CMR 3-14-30

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to enter into Agreement #14-5002 on behalf of the City with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the construction and construction engineering of the reconstruction and resurfacing of 10 Mile Road from Orchard Lake Road to Farmington Road.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2014 PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON FARMINGTON ROAD FROM 10 MILE ROAD TO 12 MILE ROAD CMR 3-14-31

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to enter into Agreement #14-5003 on behalf of the City with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the construction and construction engineering of the reconstruction and resurfacing of Farmington Road from 10 Mile Road to 12 Mile Road.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE FARMINGTON ROAD SANITARY SEWER LEAD AND WATER MAIN PAYBACK AND SEWER FUNDING PROPOSAL CMR 3-14-32

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Farmington Road Sanitary Sewer Lead Payback District and the Farmington Road Water Main Payback District with the final costs being determined upon completion of construction; and that the City contribute \$53,900 to the Farmington Road Water Main project to cover the City's fair share frontage costs for the Longacre House frontage; and that the City fund 100% of the Farmington Road public sewer from Pillsbury to Harlan, estimated to be \$113,300; and that the funds be utilized from the City of Farmington Hills Sanitary Sewer and Water Reserve Funds to construct these improvements, with these costs to be reimbursed by the benefiting properties within the proposed payback districts.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR THE FIRE STATION #1 PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO NAGLE PAVING COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,319.00 CMR 3-14-34

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the award of bid for the Fire Station #1 Parking Lot Replacement Project to the lowest qualified bidder, Nagle Paving Company, in the amount of \$41,319.00; and further authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR THE 2013/2014 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM TO LUIGI FERDINANDI & SON CEMENT COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,212.47, WITH A ONE YEAR EXTENSION OPTION CMR 3-14-35

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Manager and the City Clerk to sign the contract with Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Company in the amount of \$78,212.47 (for major and local road sidewalks); and authorizes the

major road sidewalk unit prices be extended from the \$61,468.55 amount up to, but not exceeding the \$80,000 budget amount if the City desires; and also authorizes a one year extension to Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Company in the amount of \$80,000 upon agreement between the City and the Contractor.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR THE DRIVING RANGE NETTING REPLACEMENT TO ACTION SPORTS NETTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,887.38 CMR 3-14-36

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for the Driving Range Netting Replacement to Action Sports Netting in the total amount of \$76,887.38.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF RESCHEDULING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 14, 2014 TO APRIL 21, 2014

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves canceling the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2014 and rescheduling that meeting to April 21, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2014

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council Study Session Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2014

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

The Attorney report was accepted.

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Brickner mentioned potential topics for the next regular City Council meeting of April 21, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Brickner adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 10:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk

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