MEETING MINUTES
Emergency Preparedness Commission
October 5, 2026 – 5:00 PM
Farmington Hills City Hall – Community Room
31555 W. 11 MILE RD.
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Chair Sweeney called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Avie, Card, Dilts, Foshee, Hopfe, Igwe, Sloan, Schertel, Sweeney, Thomas, and Tyler.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ciaramitaro and Dixon.

OTHERS PRESENT: Aldred (FH City Council), Pankow (FHFD), Piggott (FHPD), and Wren (FPS).

OTHERS ABSENT: None.

CITIZENS PRESENT: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Avie to approve the agenda as submitted, seconded by Thomas. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Avie to approve the July 6, 2026 meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by Schertel. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

BUDGET REPORT:

- The EPC budget for 2026/2027 is $2,500. Approximately $300 of the budget has been spent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Past event summaries: The EPC participated in the events below in the last few months, distributing literature and having conversation with citizens about emergency preparedness.
    - Farmington Founders Festival, 7/16-18/26
    - Farmington Neighborhood Watch, 8/13/26
    - Corewell Health Seniors Fair, 8/20/26
    - Oakland County VA Services 8/28/26
    - American Legion Post 346 – 9/11 Memorial, 9/11/26
    - Farmington Hills Citywide Open House, 10/3/26
- Upcoming Events

- Costick Center Seniors Health Fair, 10/6/26: M. Sweeney and R. Avie will attend.

- EPC commissioners with commissions that are expiring in 2027 indicated that they will apply for reappointment.
- EPC officers will be elected at the first meeting of the new year on 1/4/27. Commissioners interested in volunteering should contact Chair Sweeney.

LIAISON REPORTS:

- Lt. Pankow, FHFD: Onboarding eight new personnel. Farmington Hills open house went well.
- Chief Piggot, FHPD: Citizens Police academy is starting on October 13th. School liaison information meeting on October 12th.
- Council Member Aldred: No updates.
- Cmdr Wren, FPS: Planning for the Light up the Grand Parade on December 5th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Website Committee report
  - The website committee will be working with the new Farmington Hills communications person to update the emergency preparedness information on the website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

- Avie: Thanked the commissioners for assisting with the Founders Festival parade.
- Thomas: Spoke about getting emergency preparedness information into the schools to parents and teachers.
- Sweeney: A local scout troop is interested in the EPC assisting with a merit badge.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next public meeting will be Monday, November 2, 2026, at 5:00 PM in the Farmington Hills City Hall Community Room.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Minutes taken by Secretary Card.

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