

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
FEBRUARY 13, 2017 – 7:30 PM
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Massey at 7:33 p.m.

Council Members Present: Bruce, Knol, Lerner, Massey, Rich and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: Bridges

Others Present: City Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Mekjian, Directors Gardiner and Schnackel, Fire Chief Unruh, Police Chief Nebus and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Erwin Moyna, Cub Scout Troop Leader for Troop 45 and Member of the Emergency Preparedness Commission, led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Lerner, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION “TIP OF THE MONTH”

The following Tip of the Month was read by EPB Member, Erwin Moyna:

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
TIP OF THE MONTH**

In February, the Emergency Preparedness Commission monthly tip focuses on our senior citizens and anyone with special.

Remember that emergencies strike quickly and without warning. All citizens are encouraged to protect themselves and be able to cope with these events by *planning ahead*. This is especially true for seniors or others with special needs. Remember: even if you have limitations you can provide for yourself. Be sure to store at least a three-day supply of food, water, medicine, and batteries for any special health equipment that you use. Have these items in a duffel bag or backpack so they can be easily transported in case of evacuation.

Seniors, or anyone with special needs, can take responsibility for themselves by developing a communication plan and keeping in touch with their neighbors and looking out for each other. We can support one another simply by checking in, and asking if anything might be needed. Such assistance is an integral part of being a community.

In the event of a personal emergency, everyone is encouraged to have a *FILE OF LIFE* on your refrigerator. For our seniors, these documents are provided compliments of the City of Farmington and Farmington Hills Senior Division, and Police and Fire Departments. Our first responders are trained to recognize these and use them should they have to answer an emergency call in your home. To get one of these, or for more

information, call our Senior Division at (248) 473-1830, or visit the Costick Center on Eleven Mile Road just west of Middlebelt Road.

For more information, call the Senior Division at the Costick Center at (248) 473-1830. To access more preparedness information and tips, please visit the EPC website at www.FHReady.com.

The Emergency Preparedness Commission wants to remind everyone that preparedness is easier than you think, and is the responsibility of all.

PRESENTATION OF LIFE SAVING AWARD

Fire Chief Unruh acknowledged lifeguards Kira Hadden and Emily Mayoras and presented them with Life Saving Awards for activating the emergency action plan and initiating life-saving measures on a 78 year old woman, Esther Godfrey, while on duty at the Costick Center pool.

Chief Unruh also introduced Ms. Godfrey and the Fire Department shift crew that responded to the call.

Councilmember Lerner mentioned the CPR training that the Fire Department provides in the schools and at various locations throughout the city during the year and encouraged people to take the training.

Councilmember Rich stated that her daughter, who once served on the EPC in Farmington Hills, is teaching a CPR class at University of Michigan, Markley Hall on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 from 7:00-8:30pm

CORRESPONDENCE

Councilmember Lerner acknowledged a letter received from a resident regarding property along 12 Mile Road, which he has forwarded to Attorney Joppich and City Manager Boyer.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, to approve Consent Agenda as published.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

County Commissioner Gershenson provided the following update/comments:

- The Oakland County Health Department has issued a warning regarding the whooping cough.
- Flu season is at its peak and flus shots are available at both health division clinics in Pontiac and at the Southfield Health Center for \$25.
- Danielle Stislicki is still missing and anyone that has information is encouraged to contact the Police Department
- She acknowledged the residents of Greencastle Subdivision who have been diligent about addressing their water issues with the city and county

Mayor Massey stated that he is pleased to be able to say to the Greencastle Subdivision residents that the with the Council's involvement with the county and WRC, they have reached a compromise to find a permanent solution for the water issue in that area. He commented that more details will follow.

Kelly Carpenter Crawford, Greater Farmington Film Festival, invited all to attend the next film festival at the Smith Theater at OCC in Farmington Hills. The title of the film is *Death is Not the Answer* and features Mayor Pro-Tem Steckloff. The opening is scheduled for March 2, 2017.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steckloff stated that she was honored to be asked to be a part of this film and feels it was very well done.

Becky Burns, resident, asked Mayor Massey to include on the next agenda a resolution identifying Farmington Hills as a welcoming city to all.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following comments and announcements were made:

- Community Cares/MCMR event will be held Thursday, February 16th at the Farmington Hills Library from 7 to 8:30pm.
- March 2nd from 7-9am is the YMCA Power of the Y Fundraising Breakfast to be held at OCC.

Councilmember Rich commented on the issue of diversity and concerns expressed by those in Washington D.C. during a recent trip and questions by residents regarding city practices. She mentioned that the city enacted a Human Rights Ordinance to ensure that all citizens are being treated equally. She cautioned that stories spread fast through social media and not all of them may be true so before people start spreading information and become a part of the divisiveness, to make sure they have checked the facts and reported information to the proper authorities when necessary.

Mayor Massey thanked Dr. Rich for mentioning the Human Rights Ordinance that the city adopted, and he is pleased to add that the city has never had a human rights incident reported to the city before or after adoption of this ordinance.

Mayor Massey offered the following comments:

- Extended condolences to the Ilitch family for the loss of Mike Ilitch who did so much for the southeast Michigan area.
- Mentioned quadrant meetings scheduled by Council to hear from residents. The dates and locations are on the city's website.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Boyer provided the following update:

- State of the Cities Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th from 7:30-9:30am at the Costick Center where people can hear from the Mayors of Farmington and Farmington Hills and the School Board Superintendent.
- City Offices will be closed Monday, February 20th in honor of Presidents Day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-1-2017, AMENDING CITY CODE, CHAPTER 34, "ZONING," TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN ORDER TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 22000 HAGGERTY ROAD, FROM RA-1, ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO OS-4, OFFICE RESEARCH DISTRICT; AND APPROVAL OF SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

Director Gardiner stated that on January 23, 2017, City Council approved the introduction of this ordinance to rezone property at 22000 Haggerty Road from RA-1, One Family Residential District to OS-

4, Office Research District. There have been no changes in status of the request since that time and the next step in the process would be to request enactment of the ordinance by City Council.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-1-2017 amending City Code, Chapter 34, "Zoning," to amend the official Zoning Map in order to rezone property located at 22000 Haggerty Road, from RA-1, One Family Residential District to OS-4, Office Research District; and approval of summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-2-2017, AMENDING CITY CODE, CHAPTER 34, "ZONING," TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN ORDER TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 31215 FOURTEEN MILE ROAD, FROM B-2, COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND APPROVAL OF SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

Director Gardiner stated that as with the previous rezoning request, City Council approved the introduction of this ordinance on January 23, 2017, to rezone property at 31215 Fourteen Mile Road from B-2, Community Business District to B-3, General Business District. There have been no changes in status of the request since that time and the next step in the process would be to request enactment of the ordinance by City Council.

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-2-2017 amending City Code, Chapter 34, "Zoning," to amend the official Zoning Map in order to rezone property located at 31215 Fourteen Mile Road, from B-2, Community Business District to B-3, General Business District; and approval of summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint and appoint the following individuals to various City Boards and Commissions:

Committee to Increase Voter Participation

	Length of Term:	Term ending:
Deb Kendzierski	3 year term	February 1, 2020
George Pitchford	3 year term	February 1, 2020

Planning Commission

	Length of Term:	Term ending:
Dale Countegan	3 year term	February 1, 2020

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE 2017 AUTO THEFT PROGRAM SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY. CMR 2-17-07

Police Chief Nebus stated that before Council is a 2017 Auto Theft Program Subrecipient Agreement between Oakland County and Farmington Hills. He explained that a Farmington Hills Officer has been assigned to the Auto Theft Program for some time and the Department would like to continue to participate in this program. The agreement would allow for a grant to reimburse the city 50% of the salary and expenses for the Officer. He stated that this program is doing good work and the city has experienced its lowest number of auto thefts over the last 2 years. Chief Nebus stated added the agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney.

Mayor Massey commented that he appreciates the work of the consortium.

MOTION by Rich, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves that the City Manager be authorized to execute the Oakland County Auto Theft Program Subrecipient Agreement and any associated documents or agreements

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE 2017 KONA CHEESECAKE RUN TO BE HELD AT THE FARMINGTON HILLS YMCA ON SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for the 2017 Kona Cheesecake Run to be held on Sunday, April 23, 2017 from 8:15am-10am, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- The race will begin at 8:15am and should be concluded by 10:00am
- The route is mainly in residential areas of the city
- There will be no road closures for this event
- There will be 2500 to 3500 runners/walkers
- There will be approximately 100 race volunteers
- There will be 45 race marshals wearing reflective safety vest directing runners and stopping runners at intersections throughout the course & at least one marshal at every intersection in the subdivision
- Cones and signs to direct the runners will be set up along the route but they will not be in the roadway and will not interfere with traffic

- Traffic in the subdivision will not be impeded
- The tent at the site will be in a grassy area
- Attendees will be shuttled to the event from Oakland Community College and/or Wayne State University
- There will be medical staff on scene at two different first aid stations on the course
- The applicant agrees paying the cost of four Police Officers on overtime at the rate of \$51.53 for a period of 2.5 hours and for one Sergeant, at the overtime rate of \$60.45 for 2.5 hours
- Any pre-race announcements done over the PA system are required to be kept at a low volume and no music is permitted prior to 9:00am and at that point, must be played at a level not to disturb the neighbors
- An approved electrical permit and inspection is required prior to the event
- Fire lanes shall be properly maintained
- Egress from the facility shall not be blocked or restricted
- The event shall comply with the minimum Fire Prevention Code requirements
- An inspection shall be scheduled for the site and tent prior to the beginning of the event

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2017.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of January 23, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL GOALS SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2017.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the goals session meeting minutes of January 28, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ENTERING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering into an executive session immediately following the regular meeting to discuss pending litigation.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The City Attorney's report was received by Council and there were no questions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Massey adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:11pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk