

**MEETING MINUTES
INNOVATION, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
MAY 12, 2026 AT 5:00 PM
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN**

CALL TO ORDER: at 5:02 P.M. by Chandra Koganti, substitute Chair.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Secretary Tracy Collins, Robin Cash, Mark Garrett, Taimoor Khan, Megan Kershaw, Chandra Koganti, Tony Reames, Ken Snodgrass.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Matthew Strickfaden. Vice Chair Bernard Hooper, Lawrence Baker, Srinivasa Rao Bikki, Kotireddy Burla, Rachel Quinn.

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilmember Jon Aldred, Staff Liaison Vickie Sullen-Winn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Tony Reames, supported by Robin Cash, to approve the agenda as submitted. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 14, 2026 MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Megan Kershaw, supported by Tony Reames, to approve the April 14, 2026 Minutes as submitted. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No members of the public were present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A recap of the 2026 Earth Day Celebration at Heritage Park on April 22, 2026 was discussed. The following IEESC members attended: Chandra Koganti, Tracy Collins, and Lawrence Baker, along with Councilmember Jon Aldred. The attendees indicated that many citizens stopped by the booth and took copies of the Homeowners Beginner's Guide to Composting, prepared by Michigan EGLE. Lawrence Baker took notes of items to possibly bring for next year's event and will share them at the next meeting. Chandra Koganti discussed that there was one citizen who had indicated that their HOA will not allow composting; it was discussed that this might be an item for the IEESC to put on a future agenda item before the end of 2026, and possibly present some ideas to the City Council regarding relative ordinance changes. Secretary Tracy Collins shared during her discussions with Stephanie Olson at the Earth Day event that the Make Food Not Waste organization is holding a "Round Table Discussion" with many Southeast Michigan cities that have adopted the Make Food Not Waste program. They invited the IEESC member to attend on May 19, 2026 from 9 am -11 am at Westland City Hall. Secretary Collins will forward the invite to Vickie Sullen-Winn, who will forward it to the IEESC members.

NEW BUSINESS: A welcome and committee overview was provided to new member Mark Garrett. A discussion was held regarding the new Costick Center, which is in the planning stages. The Committee discussed that it may be beneficial/helpful for some of the IEESC members to share their input regarding the project. A motion by Secretary Collins, supported by Tony Reames, to appoint a subcommittee consisting of Robin Cash, Megan Kershaw, Chandra Koganti, and Tony Reames for the purpose of offering assistance, where needed, with the environmental sustainability and energy conservation of the new

Costick Center project. Staff Liaison Vickie Sullen-Winn indicated that all of the latest news and information, along with the architecture firm information, is available on the City's website.

A brief discussion was held regarding the recent water rate increases within the City, and Tony Reames would like to discuss possible water conservation ideas at an upcoming IEESC meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: None.

LIASON COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion approved by Secretary Tracy Collins, supported by Tony Reames, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Minutes Drafted by IEESC Secretary Tracy Collins