

MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 19, 2021 – 6:00PM

The special meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was held electronically and called to order by Mayor Barnett at 6:05pm.

During roll call, Council members were asked to state their location from where they are attending the meeting remotely.

Council Members Present: Vicki Barnett, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Jackie Boleware, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Michael Bridges, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Valerie Knol, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Ken Massey, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Mary Newlin, Farmington Hills, Michigan

Council Members Absent: None (one vacancy)

Others Present: Jerry Richards, Michigan Municipal League, City Clerk Smith and City Attorney Joppich

**CONSIDERATION OF ENTERING INTO CLOSED SESSION TO REVIEW THE EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE CITY MANAGER POSITION.**

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering into a closed session to review the employment applications and qualifications submitted for the City Manager position.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY AND NEWLIN  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**Council entered back into open session at 9:31pm.**

**SELECTION OF APPLICANTS TO INVITE FOR AN INTERVIEW FOR THE CITY MANAGER POSITION (SELECTION OF CANDIDATES WILL OCCUR IN OPEN SESSION).**

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, to Direct the MML Facilitator to contact applicants #2, #6, #13 and #17 to determine their interest in interviewing; candidates will be identified by name on the agenda for the interview meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY AND NEWLIN  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

Mr. Richards explained that he would develop proposed interview questions to be distributed to City Council for feedback and then prepare the final interview questions. He added that MML could facilitate the questions if Council desired. He inquired about a public meet and greet with the candidates previously mentioned by City Council.

There was discussion on holding a meet and greet with the candidates or some type of public forum and how that could be handled remotely.

City Clerk Smith pointed out that the public would have the opportunity to watch the interviews as it is a public meeting, and the city would include a public comments section on the agenda as they do for all open meetings that could follow the interview process giving the public the opportunity to make any comments at that time. City Council agreed with that format.

Discussion took place on the format for the interviews to be held February 6, 2021. Mr. Richards suggested an 8:30am starting time with the first interview to begin at 9:00am. Following the interviews would be public comments and then deliberation and selection of a candidate by City Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, to adjourn the special meeting at 9:45pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY AND NEWLIN

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk