

**MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER
JULY 13, 2026 – 7:30 PM**

The regular session of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Rich at 7:30PM.

Councilmembers Present: Aldred, Boleware, Bridges, Dwyer, Knol, Rich and Starkman

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: Acting City Manager Mondora, City Clerk Lindahl, Directors Aranowski, Davis, Rushlow, Skrobola and Sullen-Winn and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Zaman Ibrahim Muhammad Idrees and his parents.

Zaman, at 5 years old, officially became a Guinness World Records title holder for most basketball bounces in one minute (268 bounces).

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

MOTION by Knol, support by Starkman, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Mayor Rich thanked the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) for its continued partnership and recognized the \$325,000 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) award for a project that was developed in response to resident requests for safer school crossings and better visibility. The improvements will strengthen routes for students and families and improve connections among schools, parks, neighborhoods and local businesses. Mayor Rich thanked SEMCOG, regional partners, and the Department of Public Services for helping advance this important work in the City.

City Engineer Mark Saksewski introduced new City Traffic Engineer Nicholas Nasita. Traffic Engineer Nasita explained that the SEMCOG Transportation Alternatives Program is a competitive grant program that provides 80 percent funding with a 20 percent local match. Farmington Hills received \$325,000 and will provide a local match of slightly more than \$80,000, for a total project cost of slightly more than \$400,000. The project is consistent with the Safe Systems approach of eliminating deaths and serious injuries for all transportation modes.

With assistance from Hubbell, Roth and Clark, the City reviewed crash data and pedestrian activity, with emphasis on locations near schools and other areas with significant pedestrian use. Six crossings were prioritized:

- 14 Mile Road at Warner Middle School
- Farmington Road at Tulipwood
- Drake Road at Howard Road

- 11 Mile Road at Old Homestead
- 9 Mile Road at Wittington Street
- Shiawassee Road at Tuck Road

Planned improvements include rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) activated by pedestrian push buttons, high emphasis crosswalk markings, and upgraded sidewalk ramps and landings that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The improvements are consistent with the City Master Plan and the SEMCOG Regional Transportation Plan.

The City is working with Hubbell, Roth and Clark to obtain a design engineering proposal. The Road Commission for Oakland County will assist with maintenance of the flashing beacons, and the Michigan Department of Transportation will administer the federally funded project. Contractor selection is anticipated as early as January 2028, with construction planned for spring 2028.

SEMCOG Executive Director Amy O’Leary thanked the City, Mayor Pro Tem Boleware, Mayor Rich and Acting City Manager Mondora for their partnership with SEMCOG. She explained that SEMCOG includes 186 member local governments and serves as a regional planning agency that passes through nearly \$1 billion annually in road project funding. During the previous 17 years, the Transportation Alternatives Program invested more than \$120 million in 185 regional projects. The Farmington Hills project meets the requirements and interests of the SEMCOG Regional Review Committee, and advances pedestrian safety near schools and parks.

Oakland County Commissioner Gwen Markham, a former SEMCOG Chair and member of the Regional Review Committee, described the competitive review process. She noted that funding is limited and that the Farmington Hills project rose to the top in a competitive process, and congratulated Farmington Hills for receiving the grant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS FROM CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS **PRESENTATION OF THE FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION 2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

UPDATE FROM STATE SENATOR ROSEMARY BAYER

State Senator Rosemary Bayer provided an update regarding hyperscale data centers and proposed State legislation. She explained that these facilities consolidate very large numbers of servers in expansive, primarily single story buildings, because the equipment generates substantial heat and must be located close together to operate efficiently. Hyperscale facilities can require hundreds of thousands of servers and consume significantly more electricity than traditional data centers.

Senator Bayer discussed potential economic benefits as well as risks to host communities. Some communities have projected major increases in tax revenue and have negotiated strong community benefit agreements. She cautioned, however, that data center developers are among the largest and most financially powerful companies in the world and that local governments must control the review process, retain qualified legal counsel, and establish clear requirements before an application is submitted.

Senator Bayer identified electricity and water use as the principal statewide concerns. A hyperscale data center could require approximately 1.4 gigawatts of electricity, comparable to the power used by about one million Michigan homes. She described an earlier proposal involving evaporative cooling that could

have consumed approximately five million gallons of water per day without returning that water to the Great Lakes basin. She emphasized that drinking water and residential electric service must receive priority during any shortage or system emergency.

Senator Bayer reported that a package of bills has been introduced but not yet enacted. The proposed legislation would:

- Establish limits and regulatory requirements for data center water use.
- Prevent residents and other utility customers from paying for infrastructure construction or rate increases caused by data center development.
- Require utilities to prioritize service to residents before data centers during electric or water shortages and outages.
- Require community benefit agreements for qualifying developments.

Senator Bayer noted that additional legislation is being developed to address decommissioning, site restoration and other long term obligations after a facility closes.

The hyperscale data center in Saline followed the local ordinances and could not be stopped. Senator Bayer stressed the importance of updating ordinances to be prepared for data centers, including in communities that would benefit from data centers. Local zoning and development ordinances are the most immediate tool available to communities. A community may be unable to deny a proposal that satisfies all existing ordinance requirements, even when officials or residents oppose the project. She encouraged the City to review and modernize its ordinances now, including standards for facility size and location, water and energy capacity, transmission infrastructure, noise, odors, diesel generators, environmental effects, community benefits and restoration requirements.

She advised that model guidance is available through the Michigan Municipal League, the University of Michigan and the Michigan Townships Association. She concluded that properly planned data center development may provide substantial community benefits, but local officials should be prepared to determine where such facilities may be located, how large they may be and what protections and benefits must be provided.

In response to a question, Senator Bayer said the proposed legislation was recently introduced, and would be addressed in the fall.

Mayor Rich thanked Senator Bayer for her attendance and service to Farmington Hills.

UPDATE FROM FARMINGTON SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ANGIE SMITH

Angie Smith, Farmington School Board, thanked City Council for their support during the last school year. The School Board would start meeting again in August. The new School Board officers were Donald Walker, President; Claudia Heinrich, Vice-President; Angie Smith, Secretary; and Terri Weems, Treasurer. Ms. Smith noted the cordial relationship between the School Board and the City, and thanked the City for supporting students during the recent power outage.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council Member Aldred reported receiving emails from residents expressing their frustration regarding the effects of the DTE power outages that occurred from July 3 through July 9. He acknowledged DTE's previous presentations to Council and noted that circuit monitoring and tree trimming completed

several years earlier had produced some improvement. However, he remained unconvinced that sufficient overall progress had been made. DTE had attributed approximately 70 percent of outage issues generally to trees, leaving roughly one third related to the reliability of the electrical system itself. He thanked Mayor Rich for representing the community before the Michigan Public Service Commission this coming Thursday and for ensuring that residents' concerns would be heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, to approve the consent agenda as read.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

None.

COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro-Tem Boleware shared that she recently attended the National League of Cities Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The National League of Cities is a non-partisan organization consisting of 2,100 cities, towns, and villages across the country. The National League of Cities successfully advocated for the passage of the 21st Century Road to Housing Act which will have beneficial aspects for the City, including less restrictive use of Community Block Development Grants.

Mayor Rich reported on the following:

- Mayor Rich congratulated City staff on the success of America's 250th Anniversary Celebration. The celebration included an event at Founder's Park with a reading of the Declaration of Independence, and a spectacular fireworks finale.
- On July 8, the Declaration of Independence was read at the North Farmington Hills Cemetery at an event in conjunction with the West Bloomfield Historical Society and the Farmington Hills Historic District Commission, joining other communities across the nation celebrating July 8, 1776, as the first day the Declaration of Independence was read aloud. Mayor Rich noted that a Revolutionary War veteran, Levi Green, was buried in the cemetery.
- Mayor Rich congratulated the Farmington Hills Police Department for the arrest of Edgardo Perez in connection with the 2001 murder of Gordon Machek.
- Mayor Rich congratulated the Church of God on Power Road on opening their new food pantry. The pantry will be open every second Saturday from 10:00am-12:00pm with staple items and access to fresh vegetables from an on-site greenhouse.
- The Feed the Need Task Force would pilot a community dinner on Monday, July 27, at Nardin Park from 5:00-7:00pm.
- Mayor Rich will be addressing the Michigan Public Service Commission on July 16, to make a statement about the recent power outages. Farmington Mayor Joe LaRussa will also attend. Mayor Rich reported that during the last storm there were 38 wires down, 14 heat-related emergencies, seven carbon monoxide alarms, and seven trees down in the right-of-way; and that a tremendous

amount of City assets were required to address emergencies that arose when the power was out. Reliability issues need to be addressed. Residents who wish to share their experience can email Mayor Rich by 5:00pm tomorrow at trich@fhgov.com.

- Due to the heat, Walk the Hawk will be held on the third floor of The Hawk on July 14. Mayor Rich will be accompanied by new Director of Special Services Ted Davis.

Council Member Knol announced that the Farmington Founders Festival would be held July 16-July 18.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Acting City Manager Mondora reported that City cooling centers would be open through Friday, July 17. Cooling center hours are 6:00am-10:00pm at the Costick Center, and 8:00am-10:00pm at Fire Station 5.

Acting City Manager Mondora thanked City staff for their efforts in obtaining over \$100 million in grant funding; the \$325,000 crosswalk project discussed earlier, a \$500,000 playground equipment project, and a \$200,000 cost participation agreement for local road improvement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Boleware noted that the new playground would include adaptive playground equipment.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

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

Parks & Recreation Commission

	Length of Term:	Term ending:
Elijah Sanders	Unexpired Term	February 1, 2028

Elijah Sanders will fill the vacant seat left by Zachary Lee who resigned in May 2026.

	Length of Term:	Term ending:
Matthew Holmes	Unexpired Term	February 1, 2028

Matthew Holmes will fill the vacant seat left by Sydney Rushing who resigned in May 2026.

Planning Commission

	Length of Term:	Term ending:
Lloyd Banks, III	3 years	February 1, 2029

Lloyd Banks III has resigned from Zoning Board of Appeals and will fill the vacant seat left by Kristen Aspinall who resigned in February 2026.

Zoning Board of Appeals

	Length of Term:	Term ending:
Satya Injeti	Unexpired Term	February 1, 2029

Satya Injeti will be promoted from the alternate seat to the vacant seat left by Lloyd Banks who resigned July 2026.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A COST PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. CMR 7-26-98

City Engineer Saksewski requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the Oakland County Board of Commissioners through the Local Road Improvement Matching Fund Program. He stated that the City had participated in the program each year since its 2016 pilot and that the funding was intended to improve the road network, retain existing businesses and attract new investment.

The County would provide approximately \$190,000, with an equal City match, for a total project of just under \$400,000. The funding would expand the City's annual concrete and asphalt replacement programs, with an emphasis on industrial parks and commercial corridors.

Mayor Rich read from an email from a Farmington Hills resident who raised concerns that participation in the agreement would give the County more control over local roads and give City Council less control over local roads.

City Engineer Saksewski responded that the County does not determine which projects are selected. The principal condition is that the funds be used on an Act 51 major road.

MOTION by Dwyer, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to sign the Cost Participation Agreement with the Oakland County Board of Commissioners for the Local Road Improvement Program.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL OF THE UNIFORM VIDEO LOCAL FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT, LLC.

City Attorney Joppich explained that Comcast sought renewal of its existing video franchise under a new corporate name. Comcast had properly notified the City of the name change under the prior agreement. Michigan law requires use of a uniform franchise agreement and provides the City with little discretion to negotiate its terms. The proposed renewal would continue the existing franchise under substantially the same terms, including the public, educational and governmental access fees and the percentage of charges returned to the City.

In response to a question, Acting City Manager Mondora confirmed that Comcast serves some commercial customers in Farmington Hills.

Jennifer Jambor, Director of Community Impact for Comcast's Heartland Region, stated that Comcast had elected to serve businesses but not residential customers in the City because Farmington and Farmington Hills have an existing network and Comcast had chosen not to duplicate that residential network.

Councilmember Bridges said he thought that residents would appreciate another option for residential services. Ms. Jambor agreed to communicate that request to Comcast.

Councilmember Knol noted that the City was required to use a uniform franchise agreement, but that the City did not limit competition and welcomed all companies to provide services.

MOTION by Knol, support by Starkman, that the City of Farmington Hills City Council adopts the following resolution approving renewal of the Uniform Video Local Franchise Agreement with Comcast Communications Management, LLC:

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

R-147-26

RESOLUTION APPROVING RENEWAL
UNIFORM VIDEO SERVICE LOCAL FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
WITH COMCAST CABLE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT, LLC.

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills ("City"), County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held in the City Council Chambers on July 13, 2026, at 7:30 PM, with those present and absent being:

PRESENT: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

ABSENT: NONE

the following preamble and Resolution were offered by Councilperson Knol and supported by Councilperson Starkman.

WHEREAS, under Public Act 480 of 2006, the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Act (the "Act"), on August 8, 2016, the City approved a Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement ("Video Franchise") with Comcast of Colorado, Florida, Michigan, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Washington, LLC; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2026 Comcast Communications Management, LLC, ("Comcast"), applied to the City for the renewal of the Video Franchise ("Renewal Agreement. The Renewal Agreement has been reviewed and determined by the City Attorney to be complete.

WHEREAS, the 5% of gross revenue annual video service provider fee in Section VI.A, and 2% of gross revenue PEG fee in Section VIII.A of the Renewal Agreement are the same as those fees under the City's Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreements with DIRECTV, and Bright House Networks, LLC, as required by Section 6 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Council has accepted that the Renewal Agreement is complete and meets the technical requirements of the Act, understands that there has been no change in the law since 2007 when Video Franchise was required to be approved, that provides the City with denial or

conditional approval authority, and therefore undertakes to adopt this Resolution approving the Renewed Agreement as required by the Act.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City finds that the Renewal Agreement is complete and meets the technical requirements of the Act, and solely for that reason, and not because the City agrees with or assents to any provisions of the Act or the Renewal Agreement, the City hereby approves and authorizes and directs the Mayor to sign the Renewal Agreement and its Attachment 1, as a renewal of the August 8, 2016, Franchise Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notwithstanding that the term of the 2016 Franchise Renewal Agreement has not expired; the term of the Renewal Agreement shall be ten (10) years from the date of this approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on page 9 of the Renewal Agreement, the "Date submitted" shall be completed by insertion of June 30, 2026 with the "Date completed and approved" to be completed by inserting July 13 2026, and that the following language shall be inserted below the "Date completed and approved;" line:

Determination of completeness and approval and authority for this Franchise Agreement to be signed was by adoption of a Resolution by the City Council at a meeting on July 13, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that by approving the Renewal Agreement, the City shall not be found to have waived its rights to challenge any provisions of the Act and/or any related provisions of the Renewal Agreement, on the basis that such provisions are invalid and unenforceable as violations of law, including on the grounds that a particular action is an unconstitutional impairment of contractual rights, with the City further reserving any and all rights stemming from any successful challenge to such provisions undertaken by any other local franchising entity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall provide a copy of this Resolution to Comcast Communications Management, LLC by one of the methods for Notice in Section XV of the Franchise Agreement.

AYES: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

NAYES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED July 13, 2026.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills at a regular meeting held on the 13th day of July, 2026, the original of which resolution is on file in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this 14th day of July, 2026.

CARLY LINDAHL, City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE CITY INITIATED MURAL POLICY FOR THE CITY INITIATED MURAL PROGRAM. CMR 7-26-99

Economic Development Director Tia Brockway presented the proposed City initiated mural program and policy. Earlier efforts to establish a mural program encountered difficulty distinguishing artwork from commercial signage. Under the proposed program, the City would initiate and fund the murals, and representatives of the Arts Commission would assist with selecting mural designs.

The City's market studies and Master Plan update identified strong demand for public art, placemaking and distinct community identity. The mural program would allow the City to self-invest while businesses in the area grew. The pilot program would focus on the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority district between Orchard Lake Road and Inkster Road. Tax increment financing (TIF) revenue available within the district would support the murals as part of broader redevelopment and streetscape initiatives involving landscaping, interactive public spaces and corridor identity.

Approximately 50 potential walls had been identified for use. The City would contact an interested property owner whose building has a visible, accessible and paintable blank wall. The City and property owner would enter into a lease for the wall for a term of up to five years. The City would then issue an RFP to artists or artist groups, obtain proposed concepts, have the concepts reviewed by a selection committee and any applicable funding body, and authorize the selected artist to complete the mural. A public opening or ribbon cutting could be held after completion.

Mayor Rich noted that the program had been covered in depth at a study session.

In response to questions, Director Brockway provided the following information:

- The City would be responsible for removing or painting over a mural at the end of the lease if the property owner did not wish to renew the agreement. City Attorney Joppich added that the property owner could also elect to remove or paint over the mural independently.
- The selection committee would include up to three Arts Commission members, with participation rotating annually. The committee would also include the Economic Development Director, the City Manager and the Planning Director, with additional participants as needed. A funding body, such as the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority, would also have approval authority when its funds were used.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves and adopts the City Initiated Mural Policy to accompany the program.

Mayor Pro-Tem Boleware expressed pride in the murals program and thanked Director Brockway for her hard work.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL OF A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST DATED JUNE 1, 2026.

City Attorney Joppich presented an appeal concerning a Freedom of Information Act request submitted by Ms. Hamama to the Police Department on June 1, 2026, for records related to a police incident report. The City timely granted the request in part and denied it in part by redacting portions of the incident report. The original request, the City's response and Ms. Hamama's appeal were included in the agenda packet, together with legal information for Council's consideration.

City Attorney Joppich invited Ms. Hamama to address Council, but she was not present.

City Attorney Joppich explained that the redactions were made under the privacy exemption of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act because the information was private and met the statutory standard for nondisclosure. The Michigan Crime Victim's Rights Act and the Michigan Child Protection Law also restricted public disclosure of information contained in the incident report. The requester's status as a parent did not create an exception to those statutory protections and Police Department staff had carefully reviewed the applicable laws before redacting the information.

Council was advised that it could affirm the decision of the Freedom of Information Act coordinator, reverse the decision, or modify the decision.

MOTION by Boleware, support by Dwyer, , that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby moves to affirm the partial denial of Karen Hamama's June 1, 2026, FOIA request and resulting redactions to the City records provided to her and direct the City Clerk to issue formal written notice of this decision to Ms. Hamama pursuant to MCL 15.240, for the following reasons:

1. The redactions applied by the Police Department are legally permissible under FOIA Subsections 3(1)(a), 3(1)(b)(iii), and 3(1)(d), because:
 - the redacted information includes highly sensitive medical information, specific abuse allegations, and the identities of accused parties;
 - releasing such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy of a minor child, uncharged individuals, and reporting medical professionals; and
 - the redactions are required to comply with and otherwise legally supported under the Michigan Crime Victim's Rights Act and the Michigan Child Protection Law.
2. Disclosing the medical information, abuse allegations, and identities of the accused parties in this matter would shed no light on the operations of the Farmington Hills Police Department, which runs contrary to the core purpose of the Freedom of Information Act.
3. Ms. Hamama has not provided any basis or information showing that the City

erroneously or improperly redacted information from the records provided to her.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR MOTOR CITY HARLEY-DAVIDSON STARS AND STRIPES BIKE NIGHT WITH IVES BROTHERS TO BE HELD JULY 24 THROUGH JULY 26, 2026.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for the Motor City Harley-Davidson Stars and Stripes Bike Night with the Ives Brothers to be held July 24 through July 26, 2026, subject to the following conditions:

- The event is open to the public and is anticipating approximately 250 participants
- Noise ordinance was discussed for the outdoor concert
- The location will accommodate all event parking, and there will be no obstructions preventing emergency vehicles from accessing the premises if needed
- The business will place a 10'x20' tent on the property for the vendor
- Applicant is not requesting police presence during the event
- The event shall comply with minimum Fire Prevention Code requirements
- Egress from the facility shall not be blocked or restricted
- Fire lanes shall not be blocked or restricted
- No parking within 20' of any tent
- No smoking within 500' of flammable or combustible liquid
- Tents must meet the NFPA 701 Standard and flame resistance label affixed to panels
- Certificate of Flame Resistance for the tent(s) must be provided 10 days prior to the date of the event
- Cooking/open flame devices shall not be used under tents and shall be at least 20' away
- Food trucks shall operate according to NFPA and Fire Prevention Code standards, and specifically:
 - Ensure that fuel tanks are filled to the capacity needed for uninterrupted operation for the duration of the event.
 - All connections/piping shall be checked for leaks prior to operating.
 - Any cooking system which produces grease laden vapors shall be protected by listed fire extinguishing equipment.
 - Fire extinguishers shall be installed and maintained according to NFPA 10.
- All applicable permits shall be applied for through the Building Department
- Proponent must contact Fire Prevention to schedule an inspection prior to the event
- Proponent has applied for an electrical permit for Fairs/and Festival safety inspection from the city's electrical inspector

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY'S FOOD TRUCK TUESDAYS TO BE HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST 2026.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for the Farmington Community Library to hold Food Truck Tuesdays on the third Tuesday of July and August 2026 from 5pm to 7pm at the Farmington Community Library located at 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, subject to the following conditions:

- There will be parking on the property
- The applicant is expecting approximately 100 participants every Tuesday
- There will be three (3) 10x10 tents on site as well as two (2) food trucks
- The applicant has not asked for assistance from the Police Department and no issue with emergency vehicle access
- There will be no parking within 20' of any tent
- Egress shall be maintained throughout the building
- Fires lanes shall not be blocked or restricted
- Cooking/open flame devices shall not be used under tents and shall be at least 20' away
- Proponent shall contact the Fire Department to discuss the food truck inspection process
- Food trucks shall operate according to NFPA and Fire Prevention Code standards, and specifically:
 - (Food Truck Safety Sheet provided for reference)
 - Ensure that fuel tanks are filled to the capacity needed for uninterrupted operation for the duration of the event
 - All connections/piping shall be checked for leaks prior to operating
 - Any cooking system which produces grease laden vapors shall be protected by listed fire extinguishing equipment
 - Fire extinguishers shall be installed and maintained according to NFPA 10
- All applicable permits shall be applied for through the Building Department
- Event shall comply with minimum Fire Prevention Code requirements

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE ISKCON ANNUAL COLOR FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for ISKCON Farmington Hills to hold the Annual Color Festival on Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at ISKCON Farmington Hills located at 36600 Grand River Avenue, subject to the following conditions:

- There will be several 10x10 tents onsite used for seating and for vendor merchandise

- The applicant is expecting 1000 people to attend the event which will be open to the public
- All three entrances will be open for emergency vehicles in case the need arises
- The applicant has not asked for assistance from the police department
- No parking within 20' of any tent. Further, the west drive shall remain clear from Grand River to Lochdale for emergency vehicles
- Egress from the facility shall not be restricted
- Fire lane shall not be blocked or restricted
 - Temporary "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" signs shall be put up along Lochdale and Independence Office Drive on July 25, 2026
- Cooking/open flame devices shall not be used under tents
- Proponent must contact Fire Prevention prior to beginning event to schedule a site inspection
- Event shall comply with the minimum Fire Prevention Code requirements
- Approval of any required building permits
- Required electrical permit for Fairs/and Festival safety inspection from the City's electrical inspector
- ISKCON Farmington Hills has received permission from Middela LLC to use their two parking lots for visitors

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR NISSAN CARS AND COFFEE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for Nissan Technical Center North America to hold the Nissan Cars & Coffee event on Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 8:00am-12:00pm at Nissan Technical Center North America located at 39001 Sunrise Drive, subject to the following conditions:

- There will be ample public parking on the property
- The 10'x 10' tents and two generators will be in the parking lot
- The area will be free of obstacles that would not hinder emergency response
- The applicant has not requested any assistance from the police department
- No parking within 20' of any tent
- Egress shall be maintained throughout the building
- Fires lanes shall not be blocked or restricted
- Cooking/open flame devices shall not be used under tents and shall be at least 20' away
- Tents shall be properly anchored according to manufacturer's recommendation to prevent movement during unexpected winds
 - Tents require NFPA 701 flame resistance label affixed to panels/canopy
- Food trucks shall operate according to NFPA and Fire Prevention Code standards, and specifically:
(Food Truck Safety Sheet provided for reference)

- Ensure that fuel tanks are filled to the capacity needed for uninterrupted operation for the duration of the event
- All connections/piping shall be checked for leaks prior to operating
- Any cooking system which produces grease laden vapors shall be protected by listed fire extinguishing equipment
- Fire extinguishers shall be installed and maintained according to NFPA 10
- All applicable permits shall be applied for through the Building Department
- Proponent must contact Fire Prevention prior to beginning the event to schedule site inspection
- Event shall comply with minimum Fire Prevention Code requirements
- Proposed signs shall be placed outside of the right of way
- Required electrical permit for Fairs/and Festival safety inspection from the City's electrical inspector; or letter of certification on company letterhead from generator's supplier stating that the generator has been inspected by their maintenance people and that the GFI plugs have been tested and are fully functioning

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FARMINGTON UNITED HOCKEY BOOSTER CLUB AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OPERATING IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Local Governing Body Resolution for Gaming Licenses Issued by the Bureau of State Lottery, recognizing Farmington United Hockey Booster Club (aka Farmington Falcon Booster Club) as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN CLEMIS AUTHORITY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT. CMR -7-26-100

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts the following resolution for participation in CLEMIS Authority Interlocal Agreement:

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

**RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN CLEMIS AUTHORITY
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

RESOLUTION NO. R-155-26

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held on July 13, 2026, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, with those present and absent being,

PRESENT: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN
ABSENT: NONE

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilperson Starkman and supported by Councilperson Alred:

The City of Farmington Hills, (the "Public Agency"), is a "public agency" as that term is defined under section 2(e) of the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, as amended, MCL 124.502(e).

Under section 28 of article 7 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, as amended, MCL 124.501 to 124.512 ("Act 7"), a public agency may exercise jointly with any other public agency any power, privilege, or authority that the public agencies share in common and that each might exercise separately.

The Public Agency possesses the powers, privileges, and authorities to perform various activities relating to courts and law enforcement management information systems.

The Public Agency wants to exercise powers, privileges, and authorities jointly with Oakland County, the Charter Township of Bloomfield, the Charter Township of White Lake, and other participating public agencies under an interlocal agreement creating the Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) Authority (the "CLEMIS Interlocal Agreement") and become a participating public agency under and party to the CLEMIS Interlocal Agreement.

The Public Agency also wants to use the services of the CLEMIS System operated by the Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) Authority (the "Authority") by entering into a services agreement with the Authority.

The City Council of the Public Agency therefore resolves as follows:

- that the interlocal agreement between Oakland County, the Charter Township of Bloomfield, the Charter Township of White Lake, and other participating public agencies creating the CLEMIS Interlocal Agreement is hereby approved;

- that the Public Agency is hereby authorized to enter into a participation agreement with the Authority to enter into and become a party to the CLEMIS Interlocal Agreement;
- that the Public Agency is hereby authorized to enter into the CLEMIS Main Services Agreement (the "CLEMIS MSA") between the Public Agency and the Authority;
- that the Police Chief of the Public Agency is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Authority and the Interim City Manager is authorized to execute the participation agreement for the CLEMIS Interlocal Agreement and the CLEMIS MSA on behalf of the Public Agency; and
- that the Clerk of the Public Agency is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of the participation agreement for the CLEMIS Interlocal Agreement, including the CLEMIS Interlocal Agreement, on behalf of the Public Agency with the clerk of Oakland County.

AYES: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

) ss.

COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that:

- (1) the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills at a regular meeting held on the 13th day of July, 2026, the original of which resolution is on file in my office.
- (2) that the resolution remains in effect;
- (3) that the meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, MCL 15.261 to 15.275; and
- (4) that the minutes of the meeting were kept and have been or will be made available as required by the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my official signature, this 14th day of July, 2026.

CARLY LINDAHL, City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AGREEMENT — HERITAGE PARK PLAYGROUND. CMR 7-26-101

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts the required Resolution and authorizes the Acting City Manager to execute the Land and Water Conservation Fund Development Project Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the Heritage Park Playground project (Project No. 26-01923), in the amount of \$500,000.00 (50%) in grant funds, with a required City match of \$500,000.00 (50%), for a total project cost of \$1,000,000.00, and to take all actions necessary to return the executed Agreement and Resolution to MDNR by 07/26/2026.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CHARTER FOR A LIFEGUARD. CMR 7-26-102

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves an employment request per Section 10.01A of the City Charter for David Dunn, who is related to an employee of the City, Adam Dunn, who is a Lifeguard for Special Services.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CHARTER FOR A PRESCHOOL ASSISTANT - SPORTS. CMR 7-26-103

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves an employment request per Section 10.01A of the City Charter for Mathieu Etten, who is related to an employee of the City, Danielle Willcox, who works for Special Services.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH, AND STARKMAN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL STUDY SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2026.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the special study session minutes of June 8, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH AND STARKMAN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2026.

MOTION by Starkman, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular session minutes of June 8, 2026.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, DWYER, KNOL, RICH AND STARKMAN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steven Ludwig, Farmington Hills resident, observed that SMART was gaining customers in fixed route areas and expanding routes. Mr. Ludwig shared some of his experiences using SMART.

Adjol Myzeqari, Farmington Hills resident, said that his driveway dropped four inches due to the fiber installation company hired by the City. He went to the Division of Public Works and to Engineering and was told that he would have to deal with Fiber City himself. Mr. Myzeqari said construction started in May, 2024 and was still not complete after two years.

Acting City Manager Mondora explained that the City issued a right-of-way permit to Fiber City to install a private utility within the right-of-way. The City could act as an ombudsman on the homeowner's behalf to assist with conflict resolution, but utilities were privately owned.

Pamela Santo, a Moran Street resident whose property borders the Tawheed Center, described a history of concerns involving alleged encroachment onto her property, removal and damage to her chain link fence, and inadequate restoration of the fence following a court order. She stated that she repeatedly requested a masonry wall but was informed that only a wooden fence would be required. Ms. Santo also reported trapping numerous animals and rodents near her home, which she attributed to the

Tawheed Center's dumpster and surrounding garbage. She requested that the City require installation of a masonry wall along the shared property line.

Councilmember Knol asked City staff to follow up relative to the dumpster issue.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

The City Attorney Report was received by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular session of City Council meeting adjourned at 9:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk