

**MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER
JANUARY 7, 2026 – 5:30 PM**

The special meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Rich at 5:33pm.

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

Councilmembers Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, Assistant City Manager Mondora, City Clerk Lindahl; Directors Aranowski, Rushlow, Sullen-Winn and Skrobola City Attorneys Joppich, Sashital and Young

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Rich.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

MOTION by Knol, support by Aldred, to amend the agenda by moving item #5, Public Comment, before the closed session.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals made public comments in support of City Manager Mekjian:

Sue Kahn
Pamela Gerald
Eugene Greenstein
TR Carr
Kevin Hammer
M.J.K.
Fritz Beiermeister
William Smith
Peter Dresser
Craig and Arsho Kurkechian

Attorney Steven Schwartz addressed City Council and requested to be admitted to the portion of the Closed Session meeting relating to the performance review of his client, Gary Mekjian.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby enters into a closed session under Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing written attorney-client privileged communications that are exempt from disclosure, with the City Clerk taking minutes and City Attorneys Joppich, Sashital, and Young attending this part of the closed session; and also under Section 8(1)(a) of the Open Meetings Act for the purpose of considering personnel/employment matters allowed under Section 8(1)(a) of the

Open Meetings Act relating to the City Manager, at the City Manager's request, with City Manager Mekjian, City Clerk Lindahl, and City Attorneys Joppich, Sashital, and Young attending as needed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-2.

The closed session began at 6:09pm.

CLOSED SESSION:

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION UNDER SECTION 8(1)(H) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING A WRITTEN ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING PERSONNEL/EMPLOYMENT MATTERS ALLOWED UNDER SECTION 8(1)(A) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT RELATING TO THE CITY MANAGER, AT THE CITY MANAGER'S REQUEST.

The open session resumed at 10:55pm.

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL/EMPLOYMENT MATTERS RELATING TO THE CITY MANAGER.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby accepts the resignation of City Manager Gary Mekjian and approves the January 7, 2026 term sheet signed by him relating to such resignation, subject to preparation of a separation agreement formalizing said term sheet to be signed by Mr. Mekjian and the City Council approval of same.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 4-3.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular session of City Council meeting adjourned at 11:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk