

**MEETING MINUTES
INNOVATION, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
JUNE 9, 2026
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48336**

CALL TO ORDER: at 5:00 P.M. by Chair Matthew Strickfaden.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Matthew Strickfaden, Vice Chair Bernard Hooper, Secretary Tracy Collins, , Kotireddy Burla, Robin Cash, Chandra Koganti, Ken Snodgrass.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Lawrence Baker, Srinivasa Rao Bikki, Mark Garrett, Megan Kershaw, Taimoor Khan, Rachel Quinn. Tony Reames.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Vice Chair Bernard Hooper, supported by Chandra Koganti, to approve the agenda as submitted. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MAY 12, 2026 MEETING MINUTES: Motion by Vice Chair Bernard Hooper, supported by Robin Cash, to approve the May 12, 2026 Minutes as submitted. Unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Craig Schlicht was present to learn more about the IEESC and to look into the possibility of getting more involved in the community. Craig previously worked with solar energy and shared some great insight and opinions about solar energy and alternative energy options (heat pumps, spray insulation, etc.) with the Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The IEESC subcommittee working to collaborate with the new Costick Center will have an update at the next IEESC meeting. Staff Liaison Vickie Sullen-Winn shared that all future meetings regarding the new Costick Center are located on the City's website and the public is welcome to attend.

Brief discussion was held regarding the Make Food Not Waste proposal. Continued discussion on the direction that the committee as a whole would like to focus on going forward. Chandra Kogatani offered to review the proposal once again and present a few options to the IEESC so that the committee can begin to explore further at our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held regarding the possibility of the IEESC preparing a survey to the community to learn about the residents' concerns and needs regarding energy conservation and sustainability with items such as solar energy use. It was discussed that the IEESC would need to prepare the questions, and it would need to be presented to counsel for approval to proceed. There was discussion about the survey questions being linked to a QR code and possibly presented at a future city open house event. Ken Snodgrass shared that there is an organization in Oakland County called Solarize

Oakland County that will give presentations on solar power and alternative energy, discuss safety concerns, and answer questions.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: Secretary Tracy Collins requested that an agenda item be added to the IEESC July meeting to elect officers for the new term. Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary were appointed in August of 2025; therefore, officers will need to be elected/re-elected in July to take effect in August of 2026 for the next year.

LIASON COMMENTS: Councilmember Jon Aldred reported that the City's new budget was passed by City Council and that a proposed Park & Rec millage failed to get approval from City Council to get the millage on the upcoming ballot.

Staff Liaison Vickie Sullen-Winn reported there can be no remote meetings and when responding to emails, make sure to only respond to individual emails. June 25, 2026 the City of Farmington Hills will celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with a wonderful community event at Founders Sports Park at 7 p.m., including music, family-friendly activities, food, and a fireworks display. June 11, 2026 is the Kickoff to Summer Event at the Hawk from 5 pm to 8 pm. More information on City events can be found on the City's website.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion approved by Secretary Tracy Collins, supported by Robin Cash, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Minutes Drafted by IEESC Secretary Tracy Collins