

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
MARCH 12, 2018 – 7:30 PM  
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Massey at 7:32 p.m.

Council Members Present: Bridges, Bruce Knol, Lerner, Massey, Rich and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Mekjian, Directors Gardiner, Mondora and Monico, Police Chief Nebus and City Attorney Joppich

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Amelia Nordhaus led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Rich, support by Steckloff, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION TIP OF THE MONTH**

The following Tip of the Month was read by Emergency Preparedness Member Doug Reynolds:

**MARCH 2018  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION  
TIP OF THE MONTH**

This month the Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Commission is emphasizing knowledge and preparedness for weather and tornado-related events.

In Michigan, most tornadoes occur in April, May, June and July, usually between 3 and 7 p.m. Oakland County ranks third highest in Michigan for the number of tornadoes. To alert residents when a tornado has been sighted, Oakland County has more than 200 outdoor warning sirens, nine of which are located in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Oakland County activates the siren system either when radar indicates severe weather conditions are present, when an actual tornado or funnel cloud is sighted or when wind speeds are 70 mph or higher. The sirens are only activated for these specific weather conditions, not for any other reason except testing.

Testing of the warning system occurs on first Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. during the months of March through November.

March is a good time for you and your family to have a tornado drill. You should have your 72-hour kit ready – including a battery operated radio – to take to your basement, or other designated area in your home.

Try to make the drill a fun family event. Practice your drill as a family or household group. Perhaps you could go out for a treat afterwards, or give prizes to children who know what to do.

For more information about tornado preparedness and for answers to your emergency preparedness questions please visit the website at [www.FHReady.com](http://www.FHReady.com).

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 11-17, 2018 AS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK**

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Bruce and accepted by Tanya Nordhaus:

**PROCLAMATION  
Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week  
March 11 – 17, 2018**

- WHEREAS,** Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system that affects 2.5 million people worldwide; and
- WHEREAS,** the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation estimates that more than 400,000 people in the United States have MS and approximately 10,000 new cases are diagnosed every year, which breaks down to 200 new cases diagnosed per week; and
- WHEREAS,** the cause of MS remains unknown and no cure currently exists, so MS Awareness Week occurs annually to help increase knowledge and understanding of this complex and unpredictable disease that changes the lives of those affected and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force in MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, advancing treatments, and seeking a cure for this debilitating disease that strikes people in the prime of life between the ages of 20 and 50; and
- WHEREAS,** research focused on stopping MS in its tracks, restoring what has been lost to patients, and finding a breakthrough in treatment ultimately leading to a cure is a cause that all Americans should support.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim March 11 – 17, 2018 as **Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week** and encourage all citizens to become aware of the disease and to learn more about how they can support individuals with MS and their families.

Tonya Nordhaus thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation and inviting her to speak about MS and what her family is doing in the community to put an end to it. She spoke how she was diagnosed with MS and the annual auction she is hosting as a fundraiser. The Auction to End MS will be held at the Farmington Garage on Saturday April 28, 2018 from 6pm to 9pm with a mingling hour to follow. She thanked Mayor Massey who donated “Lunch with the Mayor” for the auction. Ms. Nordhaus added that her daughter Amelia is also hosting a bike-a-thon fundraiser for MS on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Mayor Massey acknowledged that March 11-17, 2018 is Sunshine Week promoting transparency in government.

**PRESENTATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 2017 ANNUAL REPORT**

Marc Stec, City Planner, explained that per the Historic District Commission Bylaws, the annual report is required to be presented and accepted by City Council; therefore, staff requests that Council make a motion to accept the report following the presentation. He stated that the report was presented and accepted by the Planning Commission on February 15, 2018. He introduced HDC Chairperson, Ken Klemmer.

Chairperson Klemmer presented the Historic District Commission (HDC) annual report to Council noting that the HDC is authorized by ordinance and guided by the Secretary of Interior Standards. He reviewed the certificates of appropriateness issued for historic sites/homes, the Historic Marker Program and provided project updates as part of his presentation.

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, to accept the Historic District Commission's 2017 Annual Report.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATE**

Oakland County Commissioner Marsha Gershenson reported that the County has a budget surplus and the commissioners are committed to providing funding for local programs with their main focus on clean water. They are contributing funds the Huron River Watershed Program and \$500,000 to all Oakland County Schools for new drinking water stations to ensure safe drinking water. The County also started a local road improvement fund where cities and village could obtain matching funds for road improvements and Farmington Hills qualified for \$158,000.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Massey acknowledged the following:

- Team Farmington Bowl-A-Thon supporting Special Olympics on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Drakeshire Lanes from 11am to 2pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Steckloff, to approve Consent Agenda items #6 through 13.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Rich, to approve Consent Agenda items #14 and 15.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: BRIDGES

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

There were no public questions or comments.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Massey made the following announcements:

- Upcoming Community Outreach Meetings are scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and Fire Stations #3 and #4, respectively and April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at Fire Stations #1 and #2, respectively. All meetings will begin at 6pm.
- Kevin McCarthy, DPW Supervisor, was presented with a Community Innovation Award.

### **CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

City Manager Boyer mentioned the following:

- Farmington Hills was named as one of the top 5 safest cities to retire
- The Farmington Hills' uniforms that were inside the cleaning company's van that was stolen have been recovered
- Open House will be held Wednesday on upcoming road projects
- Team Farmington Bowl-A-Thon supporting Special Olympics sign up can be found on line and anyone can form a team for this event.
- Compost pick up will begin

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR TOWING, STORAGE AND IMPOUNDMENT SERVICES TO KEFORD TOWING FOR A THREE YEAR PERIOD; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSION. CMR 3-18-20**

Kelly Monico, Director of Central Services, reviewed the history of the bidding process for this service and revisions made to the contract language to address issues of language interpretation and thus billing practices. Upon direction from Council, City staff rejected the bids received from the first solicitation and rebid the service with revised specifications and terminology and held a pre-submittal meeting where respondents were invited to ask questions. She stated that the rebidding process is complete and staff is confident in their recommendation of Keford Novi Towing.

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to sign a contract for towing, storage and impoundment services with Keford Novi Towing for a three (3) year period with an option to renew for an additional three (3) years at a 3% increase per year; with all other terms and conditions remaining the same.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF SETTING CITY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING DATES OF MAY 7 AND 8, 2018 AT 6:00PM AT CITY HALL.**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby establishes the following budget study session meeting dates:

May 7th - 6:00pm – Community Room

May 8th - 6:00pm – Community Room

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED CITY INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY. CMR 3-18-21**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the amended City of Farmington Hills Information Systems and Social Media Policy.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A TEMPORARY POLLING LOCATION CHANGE FOR PRECINCTS 1 AND 10 FOR THE AUGUST 7, 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION ONLY.**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the following temporary polling location changes for Farmington Hills Precincts #1 and #10, as recommended by the Election Commission, for the August 7, 2018 Primary Election only:

<b><u>Precinct #:</u></b>	<b><u>From (old location)</u></b>	<b><u>To (new location)</u></b>
Precinct 1	Warner Middle School 14 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Northwestern	Orchard United Methodist Church Farmington Road, between 13 and 14 Mile Roads
Precinct 10	Kenbrook Elementary Bonnet Hill between Farmington and Orchard Lake and 12 and 13 Mile Roads	Farmington STEAM Academy 12 Mile Road between Farmington and Orchard Lake

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR THE VACATION OF SANITARY SEWER AND WATER MAIN EASEMENTS LOCATED AT 33737 TWELVE MILE ROAD CMR 3-18-22**

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
EASEMENT VACATION  
RESOLUTION NO. R-35-18a**

At a session of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, State of Michigan, held in the City Hall on the 12th day of March, 2018, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

PRESENT: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF  
ABSENT: NONE

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Bridges and supported by Councilmember Steckloff:

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Farmington Hills did on the 12th day of March, 2018, determine that it is advisable to vacate, discontinue or abolish the following easement, located in the City of Farmington Hills, subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Farmington Hills:

Legal Description: Sanitary Sewer Easement - See Attached.

WHEREAS, the Council has met and heard any and all objections to such vacation, discontinuance or abolition and having determined to proceed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the above captioned easement is hereby vacated, discontinued or abolished.
2. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file certified copies of this resolution with the Oakland County Register of Deeds and the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan, as required by statute.

AYES: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
EASEMENT VACATION  
RESOLUTION NO. R-35-18b**

At a session of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, State of Michigan, held in the City Hall on the 12th day of March, 2018, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

PRESENT: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF  
ABSENT: NONE

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Bridges and supported by Councilmember Steckloff:

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Farmington Hills did on the 12th day of March, 2018, determine that it is advisable to vacate, discontinue or abolish the following easement, located in the City of Farmington Hills, subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Farmington Hills:

Legal Description: Water Main Easement - See Attached.

WHEREAS, the Council has met and heard any and all objections to such vacation, discontinuance or abolition and having determined to proceed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the above captioned easement is hereby vacated, discontinued or abolished, pursuant to the establishment of a new Water Main Easement, which has been provided and approved.
2. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file certified copies of this resolution with the Oakland County Register of Deeds and the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan, as required by statute.

AYES: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

**RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE VACATION OF A WATER MAIN EASEMENT LOCATED AT 35700 TWELVE MILE ROAD. CMR 3-18-23**

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
EASEMENT VACATION  
RESOLUTION NO. R-36-18**

At a session of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, State of Michigan, held in the City Hall on the 12th day of March, 2018, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

PRESENT: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF  
ABSENT: NONE

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Bridges and supported by Councilmember Steckloff:

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Farmington Hills did on the 12th day of March, 2018, determine that it is advisable to vacate, discontinue or abolish the following easement, located in the City of Farmington Hills, subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Farmington Hills:

Legal Description: Water Main Easement - See Attached.

WHEREAS, the Council has met and heard any and all objections to such vacation, discontinuance or abolition and having determined to proceed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the above captioned easement is hereby vacated, discontinued or abolished pursuant to the establishment of a new Water Main Easement as part of the engineering plan approval process.
2. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file certified copies of this resolution with the Oakland County Register of Deeds and the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan, as required by statute.

AYES: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF  
NAYS: NONE  
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2018/2019 ASPHALT REPLACEMENT PROGRAM TO HUTCH PAVING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$613,871.26; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSION. CMR 3-18-24**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the contract with Hutch Paving for the 2018/2019 Asphalt Replacement Program in the amount of \$613,871.26 with possible unit price extension not to exceed the approved fiscal year's budget amount annually; and authorizes the City Manager to extend said contract for an additional two-year period under the same terms and conditions not to exceed a 5% increase over the unit prices states in their bid.



Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 2018 PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON 13 MILE ROAD FROM MIDDLEBELT ROAD TO INKSTER ROAD AND INKSTER ROAD FROM NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY TO 13 MILE ROAD. CMR 3-18-25**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into Agreement #18-5001 on behalf of the City with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the reconstruction and resurfacing of 13 Mile Road from Middlebelt Road to Inkster Road and Inkster Road from Northwestern Highway to 13 Mile Road.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CODE.**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Code for Tracy Jordan as Records Clerk in the Police Department. Tracy Jordan is the sister-in-law of Jennifer Jordan, Dispatcher in the Police Department.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of February 26, 2018 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: BRIDGES

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2018.**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of February 26, 2018 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: BRIDGES

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The City Attorney's report was received by Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Massey adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk