

MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING  
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM  
FEBRUARY 10, 2020 – 6:00PM

The Study Session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Barnett at 6:03pm.

Council Members Present: Barnett, Boleware, Bridges, Knol, Massey, Newlin and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Mekjian, Directors Gardiner, Randle and Seimer and City Attorney Joppich

**AMENDMENT TO CONSENT JUDGEMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 31440 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY**

Ed Gardiner, Director of Planning and Community Development, explained that the city entered into a consent judgment years ago for the property in question along with several homeowners associations. He noted that several amendments have been approved since that allowed for the construction of the Compuware building and wellness center on the site. The current owners are seeking an amendment to allow for repurposing the wellness facility, which would require approval by both homeowners associations and the city who are all parties to the consent judgment.

Doug Van Noord, Vice President of Leasing for Redico/owner, stated that they have been working with a major automotive supplier who would like to relocate their operations to this building provided that the wellness facility could be converted to an office use with a small tech component for product development. He noted that the wellness facility is subject to the consent judgment and would require amendments to allow for this proposed development and use. Mr. Van Noord reviewed the proposed site plan for the modifications and noted that they have already met with the two homeowner associations who have provided their written approval of the Board for each of the modification to the consent judgment. He added that in return, they have agreed to clean out the existing walking trails between the homeowners associations and plant several evergreen trees to further screen the new exterior overhead doors. The proposed site plan and renderings of the new construction were presented to City Council.

In response to City Council, Mr. Van Noord stated that the company is foreign based but supply product for American automotive companies. He added that while the automotive companies work with autonomous and electric vehicles, this company would only produce components for the vehicles.

Discussion was held on the amendment and City Council concurred to have this come to them for consideration at a future regular meeting. They thanked the representatives for reaching out to the homeowners associations prior to bringing this before City Council at the study session meeting.

Attorney Joppich explained the procedures for proceeding with the amendment to the consent judgment.

Attorney Cowan, representing Redico, stated that they would contact the homeowners associations to let them know that this would be presented to City Council at their next regular meeting.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Mark Stec, City Planner, updated City Council on various commercial and residential projects currently taking place in the City.

Discussion was held on encouraging redevelopment along Orchard Lake Road between 13 and 14 Mile Roads.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The study session meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk