

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
OCTOBER 13, 2014 – 7:30 PM
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Brickner at 7:35 p.m.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Clerk Smith , Assistant City Manager Boyer, Assistant to the City Manager Geinzer, Directors Lasley, Mekjian, Schnackel, and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Les Charbarneau led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Massey, support by Lerner, to add item 12a Consideration of Trench Drain Contract to the Agenda and approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 1, 2014 AS “EXTRA MILE DAY”

**PROCLAMATION
Extra Mile Day
Read by: Councilmember Knol
November 1, 2014**

WHEREAS, Farmington Hills is a city which acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens collectively “go the extra mile” in personal effort, volunteerism, and service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills encourages its citizens to maximize their personal contribution to the community by giving of themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, commitment, and conviction to their individual ambitions, family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS, Farmington Hills chooses to shine a light on and celebrate individuals and organizations within its community who “go the extra mile” in order to make a difference and lift up fellow members of their community; and

WHEREAS, Farmington Hills acknowledges Extra Mile America’s mission to create 500 Extra Mile cities in our country and supports “Extra Mile Day” on November 1, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Barry Brickner, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2014 to be **Extra Mile Day** and urge each member of the community to not only “go the extra mile” in his or her own life, but also to acknowledge all those who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country or world a better place.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FARMINGTON SOCCER CLUB PRESIDENT LES CHARBARNEAU

PROCLAMATION

**In Recognition of Exemplary Service to the Citizens of Farmington Hills
Farmington Soccer Club President Les Charbarneau**

- WHEREAS,** Les Charbarneau has served this City and its residents with honor and distinction through his involvement with the Farmington Soccer Club, where he was President for over 15 years and a member for over 20 years; and
- WHEREAS,** Les Charbarneau served as the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) District Commissioner for one year and as the MSYSA Recreational Director for eight years; and
- WHEREAS,** during his time with the Farmington Soccer Club, Les Charbarneau brought major tournaments to the area, was instrumental in improving the quality of the soccer fields, and led a team to the State Cup and two National Championships; and
- WHEREAS,** Les and his wife Sylvia have been residents of Farmington Hills for 28 years, and encouraged their children Jenna, Daniel, and Kara to become involved in soccer through team participation, refereeing, and involvement in Special Olympics; and
- WHEREAS,** through his involvement with the Farmington Soccer Club, Les Charbarneau has provided guidance and inspiration to players and has created a legacy of strong leadership, solid values, and community involvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Barry Brickner, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize former **Farmington Soccer Club President Les Charbarneau** for his hard work and dedication and offer sincere appreciation for the positive impact he has had on the lives of countless young people in our community.

Mr. Charbarneau thanked Mayor Brickner and City Council for the proclamation. Mr. Charbarneau also thanked Dave Boyer and added that it is because of Mr. Boyer that we have such fantastic soccer fields. Those fields have hosted several State Cups for the State of Michigan. Mr. Charbarneau stated that Ellen Schnackel has done a great job since she has taken over the director position and he thanked her for keeping the communication strong in the soccer club. Mr. Charbarneau stated that there are two special people he would like to thank, Bill Wright and P.J. Moran. Even at the last minute he could call on them and they were always willing to get done what needed to be done.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION “TIP OF THE MONTH”

**City of Farmington Hills
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
Tip of the Month – Read by Councilmember Massey
OCTOBER 2014**

Fire Safety

The Emergency Preparedness Commission would like to remind everyone to install smoke alarms on every level of your residence: outside bedrooms on the ceiling or high on the wall, or at the top of open stairways or at the bottom of enclosed stairs and near, but not in, the kitchen. Test and clean smoke alarms once a month and replace batteries at least once a year. (Remember to annually change batteries by changing them every New Year's Day or perhaps when the clocks are changed in the spring or the fall.)

Smoke detectors don't last forever, please replace smoke alarms at least every 10 years.

The Farmington Hills Fire Department provides and installs smoke alarms in our city residential homes free of charge. If you live in Farmington Hills and need this service, please call 248-871-2800. If you live in another city please call your local fire department and ask if they have a similar service

Remember, a fire can engulf a home in approximately five minutes. Should you have a house fire, get out quickly. Do not stop to fight the fire yourself; do not stop to look for family keepsakes. Remember that you are your family's most important keepsake, so keep safe and get out alive. Prepare yourself and your family by having an occasional fire drill.

Trick or Treat

With “Trick or Treating” just around the corner, remember that Halloween costumes can sometimes be dangerous. If you buy or rent your costumes, please look for the “flame-resistant” label. Flame-resistant is not the same as flame-proof, but it will resist catching fire and can be extinguished more easily. If you make your own costume, try to avoid large flowing costumes made of lightweight cloth. Consider using make-up instead of a mask, as mask can obscure your vision.

While it is fun to be out at night and going door-to-door for treats, there are alternatives. Sometimes condominiums, apartment complexes, local churches, and organizations host indoor “angels night” parties, or outdoor trick-or-treat events. Maybe you can attend one of these as a family.

For more information regarding the Emergency Preparedness Commission or to receive a free copy of the Farmington Hills Preparedness Handbook, visit the website at www.fhready.org.

UPDATE FROM WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS ON THEIR 2014 OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

Kenneth Gutman, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Superintendent, stated that on the November 4, 2014 ballot is a Walled Lake Consolidated School District Operating Millage Renewal. He explained that the renewal would not provide the District more money but would allow for continued current funding. For more information residents can go to www.wlcsd.org where there are videos, explanations, and all of the details needed regarding the proposed millage renewal.

REPORT BY OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER GERSHENSON

County Commissioner Gershenson thanked City Manager Brock for coordinating the Water Authority Forum. She noted that the Water Authority did pass in Oakland County and she is happy to answer any

questions on this matter. She explained there will be a rate increase for all residents of hopefully not more than 4%. She also mentioned the following events:

- Veterans Hiring Fair in Macomb on November 1, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. More information could be found at www.hiringourheros.org.
- Flu shoots are available at both Health Department facilities.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of item 12A – Consideration of award for trench drain installation for 37735 14 Mile Road in the amount of \$13,320.00.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

None

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

- Commission on Children Youth and Families is hosting a College Funding Night on October 20 starting at 7:00 p.m.
- A new Walgreen's is opening at 14 Mile and Middlebelt.
- Suburban Collection had their formal dedication on Friday, October 10, 2014 at 10 Mile and Grand River
- Dan Irvine is the new Executive Director of the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce
- City Clerk's Office will have extended hours for election related business on the following days:
 - Monday, October 20 and 27th the Clerk's Office will be open until 7:30 p.m.
 - Saturday, October 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - Saturday, November 1st from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- A Joint meeting with the Farmington Hills Council, Farmington Council, and the Farmington Public School Board will be held at the Oakland Community College, Building J, Room 306 on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Assistant City Manager Boyer provided the following update:

- Road Millage Presentation is scheduled for October 20th at 7:00 p.m. This is open for the public and staff will be available to answer any questions
- Fall Hazardous Waste Day will be held October 18th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Southfield at the Recycling Authority Headquarters
- The Education Foundation will be hosting a charity event on October 24th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at The Manor.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE VACATION OF A WATER MAIN EASEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS LOCATED AT 32729 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY CMR 10-14-97

Karen Mondora, Assistant Director of Public Services, stated that the City has received a request to vacate a portion of a water main easement located at 32729 Northwestern Highway, which is the site of the proposed Holiday Inn Express. The building footprint interferes with the existing water main and needs to be relocated in order to accommodate the development. Public Works staff has contacted the utility companies, other agencies, and City Departments and have received no objections to this vacation.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce asked if this vacation will produce any cost to the City. Ms. Mondora responded that it would not.

Motion by Bruce, support by Massey, that the City Council for the City of Farmington Hills hereby approves the vacation of the water main easement contingent upon the granting of a new easement to accommodate the new water main.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FINAL COSTS OF THE FARMINGTON ROAD WATER MAIN PAYBACK DISTRICT CMR 10-14-98

Karen Mondora, Assistant Director of Public Services, stated that on March 24, 2014 City Council approved the Farmington Road Sanitary Lead Payback and the Farmington Road Water Main Payback District subject to final costs being determined upon completion of construction. She explained that the sewer leads and water main work was included in the Farmington Road reconstruction project, and these utilities were installed in order to minimize future impacts to Farmington Road. The utility work is to be funded through a payback and initially was paid for by the City's water and sewer reserve funds. Ms. Mondora stated that it has been determined that 11 properties benefit from the public water main and from the sanitary sewer leads. She noted that the total payback cost of the water main extension is \$161,453.94 or \$14,677.73 per parcel. The total payback cost of the sanitary sewer lead project is \$72,405.61 or \$6,582.33 per parcel.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Massey, that the City Council for the City of Farmington Hills hereby approves the resolution establishing final costs of the Farmington Road Water Main Payback District.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FINAL COSTS OF THE FARMINGTON ROAD SANITARY SEWER LEAD PAYBACK DISTRICT CMR 10-14-98

MOTION by Lerner, support by Massey, that the City Council for the City of Farmington Hills hereby approves the resolution establishing final costs of the Farmington Road Sanitary Sewer Lead Payback District.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR THE FARMINGTON HILLS GOLF COURSE POND DREDGING TO INLAND LAKES LANDSCAPING CORP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,618.50 CMR 10-14-99

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for the Farmington Hills Golf Course Pond Dredging to Inland Lakes Landscaping Corp in the amount of \$180,618.50.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BED FOR A SALT BRINE PRODUCTION SYSTEM UPGRADE TO KNAPHEIDE TRUCK EQUIPMENT COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$164,175 CMR 10-14-100

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve a purchase order with Knapheide Truck Equipment Company in the amount of \$164,175, for the purchase of a Brine Xtreme salt brine production system.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD FOR TRENCH DRAIN INSTALLATION FOR 37735 14 MILE ROAD

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby awards the trench drain installation for 37735 14 Mile Road to Kensington Valley Excavating in the amount of \$13,320.00.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Study Session Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014**

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Regular Meeting minutes of September 22, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD FOR TRENCH DRAIN INSTALLATION FOR 37735
14 MILE ROAD**

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby awards the trench drain installation for 37735 14 Mile Road to Kensington Valley Excavating in the amount of \$13,320.00.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

The City Attorney Report was accepted with no questions.

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Brickner mentioned potential topics for the next regular City Council meeting of October 27, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brickner adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk