

MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
JULY 28, 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 7:30 p.m.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Boyer, Directors Geinzer, Lasley, Mekjian, Randle, Police Chief Nebus and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miss Oakland County Mackenzie Strom, led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Massey, support by Lerner, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW MISS OAKLAND COUNTY

Mackenzie Strom, Miss Oakland County, talked about the Miss America organization and the scholarship benefits the organization provides. Since she has become Miss Oakland County she attended the Miss Farmington pageant that kicked off the Founders Day Festival and was featured in the parade. She explained that her platform is “A Pure Michigan” which focuses on proper disposal of recyclable materials.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY “TIP OF THE MONTH”

Commission for Energy and Environmental Sustainability

Tip of the Month

July 28, 2014

Read by Randy Bruce

Although it has been a cooler summer so far for 2014, when the heat hits, we all want to crank up the air conditioner. But before you touch that dial, here are some ways to stay cool without an energy bill spike.

1. **Dress for the season.** For many, summertime means shorts, t-shirts and flip-flops, but whatever your style, choose clothing and fabrics appropriate for the heat. Wearing loose-fitting, light-weight fabrics that can breathe (like cottons and natural fiber linens) will help you stay cool and wick moisture away from your body. Also, wearing lighter colors prevents you from being a solar collector outdoors.
2. **Wait ‘til the sun goes down.** Only use heat-generating appliances after the sun has set to keep your house from getting too hot—or don’t use them at all! Let your dishes air dry. Instead of the oven, use a toaster oven, microwave, outdoor grill or try a no-cook dinner.

3. **Be a fan of fans.** Fans are less expensive to run and require less energy than your air conditioner. So while you're in a room, turn on a fan and enjoy the cool breeze. Ceiling fans should turn counter-clockwise in the summer for maximum effect. Even if you must use an air conditioner, a fan can help circulate the cold air throughout the house.
4. **Drink water.** When it's hot outside, your body sweats to cool itself off. Replenish your fluids and vital salts by drinking plenty of water, so your body will do a better job of regulating its temperature.
5. **Take a cold shower.** Cold showers save energy and water because you don't have to wait for the water to heat up (and you take shorter showers!)
6. **Draw the blinds.** Sun streaming through your window makes for a pretty picture, but it can really heat up a room! During the day when the sun is at its brightest, close the blinds or draw the curtains to keep out the solar heat. You'll be amazed how much cooler your home will be.
7. **Put a lid on it.** Be one of the cool kids and wear a hat. A straw hat, scarf or loose cap will not only keep the sun out of your eyes, but also off your face, making you feel much cooler.
8. **Keep cold water in the fridge.** Fill empty soda bottles, juice containers, or pitchers with tap water to keep your fridge full when it's not packed to the gills. The water helps keep things cold so your refrigerator doesn't have to work as hard (using less energy!)
9. **Turn off the lights.** Light bulbs produce heat every time they are on, so use daylight to its best advantage and only turn on the lights when necessary. When possible, choose compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) or LEDs, which use less energy and produce less heat than incandescent bulbs.

For more tips and information, go to www.sustainablefh.com.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received by City Council.

- Karen Court - road paving
- Drop box for Absent Voter Ballots
- Fireworks complaints

City Clerk Smith explained that the drive-up drop box that was in front of the Police Department was leaking and compromising the integrity of the ballots and tax materials so it was removed. She is looking into replacing the box.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, to approve the Consent Agenda as published.

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:

- Emergency Medical Dispatch Software, which was approved as part of the Consent Agenda, will enhance the ability of dispatch services to help residents
- Farmington/Farmington Hills S.A.F.E. is hosting a community softball tournament on August 9th.
- The City Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, August 2nd from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for Absentee Ballots
- All regular precincts will be open on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. in spite of area construction
- Botsford Hospital's new Rehabilitation Center opened at Botsford Commons on August 1, 2014

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Brock provided the following update:

- The video of the water situation on 14 Mile Road mentioned at a previous Council meeting by a resident has been received and City Council will be receiving copies.
- City Manager Brock is working with contractors regarding the construction on 10 Mile and Farmington Roads. The projects are on schedule to be completed before school is in session.
- Street sweeping is done periodically during the non-snow months, which is a part of the Storm Water Management Grant.
- Request for candidates to comply with ordinance requirements for the placement of political signs. If they are in the right-of-way, they will be removed by City staff and they can be reclaimed at the Department of Public Works during regular business hours.
- Primary Election is being held on August 5th and there are 2 proposals on the ballot. One proposal deals with Personal Property taxes and the other is a renewal for the SMART millage.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FROM DETROIT DISTILLERY, LLC TO OPERATE A SMALL DISTILLERY AT 20780 ORCHARD LAKE ROAD

City Clerk Smith stated that the City has been contacted by Mr. Jeremy Tuggle, applicant for Detroit Distillery, LLC requesting local approval to operate a small distillery at 20780 Orchard Lake Road. The property is being leased from Orchard Lake Trade Center, LLC. The applicant has applied to the Michigan Liquor control Commission (MLCC) and local approval is required for this license. Mr. Tuggle has stated that it is his intent to open and operate a small distillery in order to manufacture and sell distilled spirits for consumption off-premise only at this time. The City Clerk's Office has reviewed this request in conjunction with the local ordinances and with the City Attorney. The applicant must comply with all local rules and ordinances and if later determined they would like to sell the liquor for on-site consumption, they would be required to do so in conjunction with a restaurant operation and this would require City Council approval per local ordinance.

Councilmember Bruce asked what types of drinks will be distilled at this location.

Mr. Tuggle stated that the first product will be a type of rum made from Michigan Sugar Beets. They want to use all Michigan and local ingredients for their products.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts a resolution approving Detroit Distillery, LCC to operate a small distillery at 20780 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR A CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR PUBLIC STREETS AND ROADS

Director Mekjian explained that within the boundaries of the City of Farmington Hills there are 49 miles of state trunk line, 30 miles of road that are under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission for Oakland County and the remaining 299 miles of roads in the city with 59 miles of major roads and 240 miles of minor or local roads. He noted that this equates to a value of approximately \$285 million dollars in roads.

Director Mekjian stated that an Asset Management Plan is required in order to get the longest, useful and most cost-effective life out of an asset. He mentioned that the road system was analyzed using the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER), which is a standard method used to collect road surface condition data. Director Mekjian explained that 124 miles of the roads were rated in poor condition, 90 miles of the roads in fair condition and 64 miles in good-very good condition according to the PASER rating. He showed Council a comparison of the PASER ratings for Farmington Hills compared to other area communities.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bruce inquired how other cities were funding their road systems. Mr. Mekjian responded that most, if not all of the communities, have road millages in addition to ACT 51 funding.

Director Mekjian went on to explain the projections for City Major Roads and City Local Roads. The projections focused on pavement preservation and capital reconstruction, Projections did not included items such as enhancements, non-motorized, signals and lighting, bridges and culvers, capacity and local match for State, Federal and County Projects. Mr. Mekjian went through the conclusions outlining the required funding as follows:

Major Roads	\$4,000,000
Local & Industrial	\$6,300,000
Match for Sate & County Projects	\$1,000,000
TOTAL	\$11,300,000

Mr. Mekjian explained the current funding levels and stated that there is an annual shortfall of approximately \$6,400,000 in order to improve overall pavement conditions in the City. He further explained how the additional funding would be used.

Councilmember Steckloff inquired if funds would be going toward roads that had past improvements through the Special Assessment process. Mr. Mekjian explained that the city would not be targeting specific roads, but that the Pavement Asset Management Plan would be used to identify roads with needs.

Councilmember Knol inquired if this ballot language went to the voters in November and passed and then the State allocated money to be used for roads, could the city reduce its millage and not levy all of the money.

City Manager Brock confirmed that this could be done and that this is reviewed every year during the budget review and can be adjusted accordingly.

Councilmember Knol felt this was important for the voters to know as she believes that roads should be a priority.

Councilmember Massey stated that he felt comfortable placing the question on the ballot before the voters in November as the city has identified clear goals for the funding.

It was suggested that ballot language is clarified to say "up to 2 mills".

MOTION by Massey, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts the following resolution regarding Charter Amendment for Public Streets and Roads.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
RESOLUTION REGARDING CHARTER AMENDMENT
FOR PUBLIC STREETS AND ROADS
RESOLUTION NO. R-128-14

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held in the City Council Chambers on July 28, 2014, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., with those present and absent being:

PRESENT: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF

ABSENT: NONE

the following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilperson Massey and supported by Councilperson Bruce:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7.02.A. of the City Charter, the Charter Tax Rate Limit may be increased by Charter Amendment approved by a majority vote of the electors of the City voting at a regular election or special election called for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, such Charter Amendment may be made for a specially designated purpose, providing that each specially designated purpose shall consist of a separate ballot question stating the nature of such purpose and the amount of ad valorem tax to be raised to fund such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is appropriate to submit a proposal to the voters to amend the Charter Tax Rate Limits for the special purpose of the improvement, rehabilitation, repair, and maintenance of public roads, streets and road drainage within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills as follows:

- 1) The following proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the regular election to be held on November 4, 2014:
- 2)

“Shall the Farmington Hills City Charter be amended to allow an additional special tax rate for public roads and streets by authorizing the City to levy a new additional millage in an amount of up to 2.0 mills, for ten (10) years, starting with the July 2015 levy (resulting in the authorization to collect an estimated additional \$6,169,000 in the first year if approved and levied), the taxes to be used by the City only for purposes of the improvement, rehabilitation, repair and maintenance of public roads, streets and road drainage within the City?”

- 2) Upon adoption of the proposed amendment, Section 7.02e “Special Tax Rate for Public Roads and Streets” would be added to the City Charter to read as follows:

“7.02e. Special Tax Rate for Public Roads and Streets.
In addition to the Charter Tax Limit stated in Section 7.02 and the Special Tax Rates stated in Sections 7.02a, 7.02c and 7.02d, starting with the July 2015 levy, the City may levy an annual ad valorem tax not exceeding 0.20% (2.0 mills) of the state equalized value of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City. The levy shall be used only for purposes of the improvement, rehabilitation, repair and maintenance of public roads, streets and road drainage within the City. This section shall be effective for a period of ten (10) years commencing July 1, 2015, and expiring on June 30, 2025.”

- 3) The City Clerk is hereby directed to do all things necessary to provide for the submission of the aforesaid proposition to the electors at the regular election to be held on November 4, 2014.

AYES: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
NAYES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED JULY 28, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MICHIGAN PSYCHOANALYTIC FOUNDATION AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Local Governing Body Resolution for Gaming Licenses Issued by the Bureau of State Lottery, recognizing the Michigan Psychoanalytic Foundation as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License.

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 BID FOR T-SHIRT IMPRINTING AND
GARMENT EMBROIDERY TO IMPRESSIVE PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS IN AN
ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$35,000 PER YEAR FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS, WITH
POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS CMR 7-14-76**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue budgeted purchase orders to Impressive Promotional Products for printed T-shirts and Garment Embroidery for the next three (3) years at an estimated annual amount of \$35,000 per year and for an additional three (3) year term upon mutual consent of the City and vendor.

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 PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL
DISPATCH SOFTWARE SUITE FROM PRIORITY DISPATCH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,964.50
CMR 7-14-77**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby waives formal bid procedures and authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Priority Dispatch in the amount of \$71,964.50 for ProQA™ Emergency Medical Dispatch Software Suite.

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 A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE SUSAN G. KOMEN
BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION MICHIGAN 3-DAY WALK FOR THE CURE EVENT TO BE
HELD ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2014**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation-Michigan 3 Day Walk for the Cure Event to be held on Friday, August 15, 2014, during the hours of 8am and 5pm., subject to there being no road closures for the event, staging and service areas comply with applicable Fire

Prevention and Electrical Code requirements and medical emergencies are immediately reported to the Farmington Hills 911 Center.

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 A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE RUN FOR THE HILLS EVENT TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2014

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for Athletes Giving Back, LLC 1K, 5K, 10K Benefit Runs for the Special Olympics to be held on Saturday, August 16, 2014, beginning at 8:30am to approximately 10:00am on the run routes as approved by the Police Department; subject to the following: volunteer personnel will be stationed throughout the route, routes will be free of obstacles that would inhibit Police and Fire emergency response, medical emergencies that occur during the event shall be immediately reported to the Farmington Hills 911 Center, reimbursement for requested Police assistance and verification with the Engineering Division one week prior to the event that Ten Mile Road is acceptable to use for the event.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT AND FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby acknowledges the quarterly investment and fourth quarter financial summary reports.

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 STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2014

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Study Session Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2014 as submitted.

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 JULY 14, 2014

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2014 as submitted.

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 ENTERING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING IN ORDER TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the entering into an executive session immediately following the regular meeting in order to discuss pending litigation.

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 Attorney's Report was accepted as submitted.

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Brickner mentioned potential topics for the next regular City Council meeting of August 11, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brickner adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk