

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 – 7:30 PM
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Massey at 7:30 p.m.

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

Council Members Absent: Steckloff

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fire Chief Unruh and Police Chief Nebus led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Bridges, support by Bruce, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION TIP OF THE MONTH

The following Tip of the Month was read by Councilmember Bruce:

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
Tip of the Month
September 2017**

The common thread in national events such as 9/11, Hurricane Harvey, or those more local, such as the flooding situation in August 2014, Dundee tornado in 2010, or the power outage in September 2015 is that there are certain steps we must take to protect our families for the known and unknown threats that may confront us. These, and similar events, resulted in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security organizing an awareness campaign that includes designating the month of September as National Preparedness Month. Americans nationwide are encouraged to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. Families, neighborhoods and local communities can improve their safety by working together with emergency managers, law enforcement, and local school administration staff. We all have a responsibility to be ready.

Join your fellow citizens as individuals this month as they prepare themselves and their families for emergencies by taking simple steps such as organizing an emergency supply kit, making a personal preparedness plan, becoming informed about different threats, and getting involved in preparing their community. These activities create a culture of preparedness and can help save lives. The Emergency Preparedness Commission exists to assist you gaining the information and skills to be prepared.

The Farmington Hills/Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission meets on the first Monday of every month at 5:15pm at Farmington Hills City Hall. The public is welcome to attend the meetings and

join in the group's emergency preparedness events. For more information, visit the EPC website at www.fhready.org.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2017 AS PATRIOT WEEK

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Lerner and accepted by Police Commander Dan Rodriguez and Firefighter/EMS Coordinator Jim Etzin:

**Patriot Week
September 11 – 17, 2017**

- WHEREAS,** September 11 – 17, 2017 has been declared as Patriot Week in the State of Michigan, with Monday, September 11, 2017 declared as Patriot Day and Sunday, September 17, 2017 declared as Constitution Day; and
- WHEREAS,** Patriot Week celebrates the concepts put forth by our Founding Fathers, and honors the vital documents including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Bill of Rights, which make this the greatest nation in world history; and
- WHEREAS,** the citizens of this nation live in freedom, which was gained through the great sacrifices and many tribulations of those who currently serve or who have served our country and provided us with the foundation for a free, prosperous, and independent life; and
- WHEREAS,** each generation must work to maintain this freedom, otherwise through carelessness or indifference, our rights and liberties may vanish; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Farmington Hills recognizes and celebrates all the patriots, past and present, who have dedicated their lives to the service of others and thereby exemplified a deep love and devotion to their country.

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 September 11 – 17, 2017 as **Patriot Week** and call upon the citizens of Farmington Hills to come together to recognize the loyal devotion of those who have given dedicated service to our nation and made daily sacrifices to preserve a society built upon the principles of life, liberty, and justice for all.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Massey indicated that all City Council members received a letter from Plante & Moran regarding the audit process.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Bruce, support by Bridges, to approve Consent Agenda items #6 through #9.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Lerner, to approve Consent Agenda items #10 and #11.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1-1.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Residents of Independent Commons Gene Manwaring, Anthony Franklin and Eugene Thomas all expressed concerns with restoration efforts and workmanship of Fonson Construction following the paving of their roads.

Mr. Franklin expressed additional concern with the practices used by Fonson and with them throwing concrete garbage onto his lot. He presented photos to City Council.

City Manager Boyer stated that there is still an outstanding punch list of items to be completed and the City will not release final payment to the contractor if these items are not completed to the satisfaction of the City and per contract.

Councilmember Knol asked that DPW supervise Fonson to make sure that these issues are resolved as this was a major project that has been ongoing for these residents for 2 years. She suggested several people supervising to make sure the landscaping is done correctly and done by this fall. Councilmember Bridges agreed with Councilmember Knol.

Councilmember Rich asked that the punch list items are made available to the residents for viewing.

Councilmember Lerner added that the City does not want the residents to start repairing their lawn themselves as the contractor should be doing this and the City will make sure that this is done right.

Councilmember Bruce asked for a 30-day update on this issue. City Manager Boyer stated that he would report back to Council at their next regular meeting.

Mayor Massey thanked the residents for bringing these issues to the attention of Council and staff.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following comments and announcements were made:

By Councilmember Rich:

- Congratulations to Ray Okonski, resident, for being brought onto the field at the Michigan University Football game as the veteran of the game
- She had the opportunity to speak to a civics class at Farmington Central High School and the students had amazing questions on the electoral process and roads

Mayor Massey acknowledged:

- The high turn-out for the blood drive held in the City that resulted in 77 units of blood, exceeding the goal
- The residents of Florida who were touched by the Hurricane and stated that thoughts were going out to those people and a thank you to the first responders and National Guard for their assistance

- Success of the 23rd Annual Police Benevolent Fund golf outing

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Boyer mentioned the following:

- Road construction project updates
- Fire Department Open House is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd from 12pm-4pm.

Councilmember Bruce inquired if there was anything the City could do to expedite the 12 Mile Road construction project.

City Manager Boyer confirmed that City staff is pushing for the County to complete the project this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-6-2017, AMENDING CITY CODE, CHAPTER 34, "ZONING," TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN ORDER TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 37000 GRAND RIVER FROM B-4, PLANNED GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; AND APPROVAL OF SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

Director of Planning and Community Development Gardiner indicated that the request before Council was to enact an ordinance that allowed for the rezoning of property at 37000 Grand River from B-4, Planned General Business District to B-3, General Business District. This ordinance was introduced at the last City Council meeting.

Mayor Massey explained that the project included the construction of a drive-thru coffee shop.

Councilmember Bruce inquired if traffic studies were conducted as this is a very busy intersection and how it would affect traffic flow in and out of the northeast corner of that intersection.

Director Gardiner stated that a traffic study was done by the proponent and the marginal access drive that controls access to Grand River and Halsted will remain with this rezoning. He does not believe that engineering would allow further curb cuts onto the major roads and it should be accessed from the marginal access drive. He explained that the project will consist of the re-utilization of the existing building and they plan to add a free-standing building that will be the drive-thru coffee shop in the existing parking area.

Councilmember Bridges inquired if traffic and use was comparable to the traffic and use at the 12 Mile/Orchard Lake Road intersection.

Director Gardiner commented that this development will be superior to the 12 Mile/Orchard Lake Road traffic situation due to the marginal access drive which has controlled access farther away from the intersection.

City Manager Boyer added that there will be 2 to 3 entrances from each of the major roads to the marginal access drive.

Councilmember Rich commented that she is excited about the potential of this development at this corner.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-6-2017, amending City Code, Chapter 34, "Zoning," to amend the official Zoning Map in order to rezone property located at 37000 Grand River from B-4, Planned General Business District to B-3, General Business District; and approval of summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: STECKLOFF

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR A 100' MID-MOUNT AERIAL PLATFORM FIRE TRUCK TO EMERGENCY VEHICLES PLUS REPRESENTING ROSENBAUER AMERICA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,067,510.00. CMR 9-17-79

Fire Chief Unruh explained the need and use for the requested ladder truck. He noted that due to the previous manufacturer of the trucks going out of business, this resulted in challenges in obtaining parts for repair of existing trucks leaving the apparatus out of service for days while trying to obtain new parts. Chief Unruh presented pictures of the proposed model to be purchased and added that the new Fire Department policy regarding use of the trucks will extend the life expectancy of the trucks going forwards.

Discussion was held on the proposed vendor and bid process.

Councilmember Bruce inquired how the purchase would be funded. City Manager Boyer responded that this was included as part of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget that was approved by City Council in June of this year.

Dr. Bruce inquired if the City took into consideration the financial stability of the company from which the City was purchasing the vehicle due to the other one going out of business.

City Manager Boyer confirmed that is part of the process. Chief Unruh added that Rosenbauer is the number two fire truck manufacturer in the world right now.

Discussion continued on the use of the new truck and the fleet at all of the stations. Chief Unruh, in response to Councilmember Lerner, stated that the truck being replaced by this new purchase will be kept in the short term for parts.

In response to Councilmember Lerner, Chief Unruh discussed the long-term plan for his fleet of fire trucks that would include maintaining two ladder trucks and the purchase of a new fire engine.

City Manager Boyer added that these future purchases are already included in the CIP budgets going forward.

Councilmember Bridges inquired if the City considered sharing trucks with other communities. Chief Unruh stated that they have not as mutual aid is meant to supplement what you currently have and he feels this type of ladder truck is warranted in Farmington Hills. He stated that they did attempt to obtain a

grant but were unsuccessful. He added that the city's insurance company recommends two ladder trucks for Farmington Hills.

MOTION by Rich, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Emergency Vehicles Plus representing Rosenbauer America, for a Mid-Mount Aerial Platform Fire Truck, in the amount of \$1,067,510.00.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR ATHLETIC FIELD GROOMER TO ABI ATTACHMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,496.00. CMR 9-17-80

MOTION by Bruce, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for an athletic field groomer to ABI Attachments in the amount of \$17,496.00.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: STECKLOFF

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR EXCAVATING, SOIL SPREADING AND LANDSCAPE FINISHING SERVICES TO F.J. LAFONTAINE & SONS FOR A 3 YEAR TERM IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00; WITH EXTENSIONS. CMR 9-17-81

MOTION by Bruce, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve all budgeted purchase orders for excavating, soil spreading and landscape finishing to F.J. LaFontaine & Sons for a 3 year term in the estimated annual amount of \$30,000.00 and for an additional 3 year extension under the same terms and conditions as outlined in the bid and as mutually agreed upon between the City and F.J. LaFontaine & Sons.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: STECKLOFF

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR COMMAND OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN. CMR 9-17-82

MOTION by Bruce, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and the Director of Human Resources to execute a new Agreement

with Command Officers Association of Michigan, in accordance with the terms and conditions out lined herein, being City Manager's Report dated September 7, 2017.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL JOINT MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2017.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the joint meeting minutes of August 15, 2017 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2017.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves study session meeting minutes of August 28, 2017 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1-1.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2017.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves regular meeting minutes of August 28, 2017 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1-1.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The City Attorney's report was received by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Massey adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk