

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
APRIL 23, 2018

The Study Session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Massey at 6:00pm

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 Barr and Monico and City Attorney Joppich

LIBRARY DISCUSSION

Councilmember Steckloff stated that she requested this item to be on the agenda as she wanted to put the prior discussions with the Library in the past and find a way to heal and move forward. She was concerned that if this did not happen there would be further resignations from the Library Board and she wanted the community to know that the Library Board members were valued.

Mayor Massey summarized past discussions and actions taken and stated that there is no question the Library is an asset and a jewel of the community. He noted that several new appointments have been made to the Library Board who now need to find a way to move forward as a Board and work together and he has every confidence that will happen.

Councilmember Rich requested that the board and commission appointment process is added to a future study session agenda.

2018/2019 BUDGET OVERVIEW

City Manager Boyer explained the budget process that starts in January and concludes with final consideration by Council in June each year.

Steve Barr, Finance Director, provided an overview of the 2018/2019 budget focusing on the General Fund FY 2018/19 budget, property tax rate capital expenditures and the General Fund budget forecast from 2019/20-2023/24. He noted that the retirement system is 84% funded and health care is 107% funded so the city is in very good shape.

VIRTUAL DESKTOP INFRASTRUCTURE (VDI) DISCUSSION

Kelly Monico, Director of Central Services, discussed with City Council the opportunity for the city to move into the area of VDI and how that could benefit the residents of Farmington Hills.

Jack Li, IT Analyst, and Director Monico provided an overview of VDI and explained the security and how it would be used for employees to access data from anywhere on any device allowing staff to operate in real time in the field for inspections and o access data from home in the event of emergencies.

The proposed implementation plan was discussed that included a purposeful roll-out first to building and engineering inspectors for use in the fields, to Department heads and then eventually to other staff members as needed.

Director Monico stated that the proposed award of bid for the software would be placed on a future City Council meeting agenda for consideration if Council was agreeable to moving forward.

In answer to Councilmember Bridges, Director Monico confirmed that staff would be working with departments to measure productivity if VDI were implemented.

The consensus of Council was to move forward as presented by staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The study session meeting adjourned at 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk