

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING (VIA TELECONFERENCE)
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 – 6:00PM

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

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 Mondora and Seimer, Police Chief King and City Attorney Joppich

GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY (GLWA) PRESENTATION – 14 MILE ROAD LOOPING PROJECT

Tim Kuhn, Project Manager, representing Great Lakes Water Authority, stated that they have been working on the 14 Mile Road looping project since 2018. They conducted a route study and proposed a looping main to provide redundancy to the area.

Mike Reynolds, Brown Caldwell, discussed the background and purpose of the project explaining that it began with a main break in 2017 that impacted over 250,000 customers. GLWA developed a capital improvement project to provide for a watermain loop and redundancy in order to mitigate future issues. The project would provide resiliency to both the 8 Mile and 14 Mile mains. He added that this is a \$60 million dollar benefit to the water system.

In response to Council, Mr. Reynolds responded that the project is being funded as part of a capital improvement project through Great Lakes Water Authority. Mr. Kuhn clarified that the project is paid for through the CIP budget that is already part of the rate structure.

Discussion was held on the structure of the main and project details and anticipated road closings. Mr. Reynolds noted that the project would be completed in phases and that there would be mainly one-way road closures and periods of time that the bike path within the area under construction at the time would be unavailable.

Mr. Reynolds added that the project is projected to start September 2021 and it is a 3-year long project.

Mr. Kuhn explained how GLWA will continue to monitor the system for breaks and how that is accomplished by the installation of fiber lines.

PRESENTATION ON BODY CAMS

Jeff King, Police Chief, discussed the Integrated In-Car Camera (ICC) and Body Worn Camera (BWC) program history and current system and development. He spoke to the training of the officers and program expectations and goals.

Discussion was held on protections in place to safeguard minors in the event of a request for the video to be released. Chief King explained that they work closely with the City Attorney's Office on releasing any information and the Freedom of Information Act also outlines what can be released.

City Manager Boyer added that this was a big discussion when deciding to purchase the body cams as the city wanted to ensure protections were in place for victims, officers and businesses.

Chief King outlined how the audit is handled under the program and indicated that the life of the system is 5-9 years. The purchase of the body cams will come before Council for consideration at their next meeting and if approved, they expect implementation by the end of the year.

ADJOURNMENT

The study session meeting adjourned at 7:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk