

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
JANUARY 22, 2018 – 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: Bruce, Knol, Lerner, Massey, Rich and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: Bridges

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Police Officer, Robert Gerak and Firefighter of the Year, Dan Wecker, led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Rich, support by Knol, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES FOR 2017 AND INTRODUCTION OF EMPLOYEE, POLICE OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR**

Human Resources Director John Randle mentioned the employee awards ceremony held earlier this evening where the city acknowledged those employees for their milestone years of service as well as acknowledged the outstanding employees for 2017 and the employee, Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year.

Fire Chief Unruh and Police Chief Nebus acknowledged the Firefighter of the Year, Daniel Wecker and Police Officer of the Year, Robert Gerak noting their many accomplishments with the city. Both Firefighter Wecker and Police Officer Gerak thanked the Council and staff for their support.

Director Randle acknowledged Employee of the Year, Harry Yee, who also thanked the Council and staff for their continued support.

City Manager Boyer mentioned two long-time employees who were acknowledged for their years of service: Ed Gardiner for 35 years of service and James Cubera for 40 years of service.

**PRESENTATION OF WORKPLACE AWARD**

Director Randle explained that the City received an award from the Michigan Breastfeeding Network for having a private room that breastfeeding employees can use. He introduced Lauren Cody and Jennifer Day to speak about the award.

Lauren Cody, Chair of the Macomb County Breastfeeding Coalition, presented the City with the silver level Michigan Breastfeeding-Friendly Workplace Award. She noted that supporting breastfeeding employees yields a 3 to 1 return on investment as the employees miss work less often, it lowers healthcare

costs and there is higher productivity. She thanked the city for their efforts and continued support of breastfeeding.

Jennifer Day, Chair of the Oakland County Breastfeeding Coalition and Board Member of the Michigan Breastfeeding Network, stated that she did some research and was pleased to find on the city's website a Human Rights Ordinance that included language stating . . ."no person shall prohibit a breastfeeding mother from or segregate a breastfeeding mother within any public accommodation where she and the child would otherwise be authorized to be". This further supports the State of Michigan's Breastfeeding Anti-Discrimination Act and she is thrilled to honor the city and those that support a mother's return to the workplace.

#### **PRESENTATION FROM MISS FARMINGTON**

Summer Badrak, Miss Farmington, thanked Mayor Massey as she has chosen The Farmington SAFE program as her charity and it has been so wonderful to be a part of something she is so passionate about. She mentioned the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off in which Farmington SAFE will participate and provided Mayor Massey with an application to enter the contest.

Mayor Massey thanked Miss Farmington and noted the date of the Chili Cook-Off is Sunday, March 4, 2018 from 1pm to 4pm at Cowley's in Farmington.

Councilmember Steckloff introduced Maggie Bean, Community Service Award recipient, and commented on how wonderful it is to have young women stepping up in high school to give their time and serve the community and lead others into the future. She has been proud to work with the Miss Farmington organization for the past 10 years and is proud of the support from the City and community.

#### **SUSTAINABLE FARMINGTON HILLS TIP OF THE MONTH**

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

##### **Sustainable Farmington Hills Tip of the Month**

New year, new resolutions. Try these tips via [ase.org](http://ase.org) to stick to your energy saving resolutions:

1. Turn the lights off - how often is a light left on in a room no one is in?
2. Heat and cool your home efficiently – seal any air leaks that could be letting your warm or cold air out and replace furnace and air conditioner filters.
3. Install LED lights – “They last at least [25 times](#) longer and consume [75 percent](#) less electricity than incandescent bulbs.”
4. Wash with cold – using warm water to wash your clothes uses most of the washing machines energy; using cold water will reduce your energy usage.

For more information please visit [www.sustainablefh.com](http://www.sustainablefh.com).

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence acknowledged.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Massey stated that he received a request to speak on Consent Agenda Item #11, Recommended approval of formally rejecting all bids for Towing and Storage Services opened on September 5, 2017 and authorization for city staff to re-bid the service. He removed this item from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Rich, to approve Consent Agenda items #9, 10, 12 and 14.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Rich, to approve Consent Agenda item #13.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: BRUCE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1-1.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF FORMALLY REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR TOWING AND STORAGE SERVICES OPENED ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY STAFF TO RE-BID THE SERVICE. CMR 1-18-04**

Dave Landry, Attorney for Keford Towing, explained that Keford Towing has had a contractual relationship with the city for towing services for over 15 years and the contract has come up for bid several times during that time and each time the services and pricing have been reviewed and compared with Keford awarded the contract because of their excellent service and pricing. He stated that this service was bid again last year and the City was again recommending the award of contract to Keford. At the City Council meeting of November 13, 2017, a competitor appeared before Council and claimed that he had evidence of improprieties in Keford's billing. City Council rightfully asked the city administration to look into the allegations and Keford met with city staff and opened their books. The city reviewed the information and concluded that no improprieties occurred and that it was reasonable for any awarded contractor to interpret the contract as Keford did. Mr. Landry pointed out that it has been recommended tonight that the contract is redrafted to revise some language. Keford welcomes any and all inquiries regarding its services and welcomes a review of the contract. He pointed out that a company does not provide services to a community as long as Keford has by engaging in improprieties and it is unfortunate that allegations of impropriety were made in order to obtain a contract. As the bidding process continues, they are happy to respond to any inquiries and he thanked the city for the professional manner in which they are addressing this issue.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby rejects both bids for Towing & Storage Services and directs City staff to re-bid the service immediately, based on the City staff's review results, for the reasons stated in CMR #1-18-04, pursuant to Section 12 of the bid documents and in the best interests of the City and general public.

MOTION CARRIED 5-1-1-0 (Bridges absent, Steckloff opposed)

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

There were no public questions or comments.

**COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Rich announced:

- On February 11, 2018, from 1:30pm to 2:30pm she will be hosting a Community forum at the Farmington Community Library.

Councilmember Lerner announced:

- Money Magazine announced the Top 50 Cities to live in the United States and Farmington Hills was announced as the #1 City in which to live.

Mayor Massey announced:

- The Chili Golf Open will be held on February 3, 2018 at 10am at the Farmington Hills Golf Club

**CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

City Manager Boyer made the following announcements:

- Road Crews are out to address gravel road condition due to the weather
- Sam's Club announced their closing and the Police Department has been addressing traffic issues in that area due to sales at the store
- Thank you to the Library and the Multi-Cultural/Multi-Racial Committee for hosting Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at the Library. They had over 140 walkers and approximately 1,000 attendees overall during the day for all events.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-3-2018 TO AMEND THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34, "ZONING," ARTICLE 2, "DEFINITIONS," TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "GASOLINE SERVICE STATION" TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW; AND APPROVAL OF SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.**

City Manager Boyer explained that this ordinance was introduced at the last City Council meeting and there have been no further changes.

MOTION by Knol, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-3-2018 to amend the City of Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34, "Zoning," Article 2, "Definitions," to revise the definition of "Gasoline Service Station" to comply with State Law; and approval of summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-1-1-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint and appoint the following individuals to various City Boards and Commissions:

**Board of Review**

Shaun Toupin	<b>Length of Term:</b> 3 years	<b>Term ending:</b> February 1, 2021
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**Brownfield Redevelopment Authority**

Steve Barr	<b>Length of Term:</b> 3 years	<b>Term ending:</b> February 1, 2021
Lori McDaniel	3 years	February 1, 2021
Christopher McRae	3 years	February 1, 2021

**Commission on Children, Youth & Families**

Edward Cherkinsky	<b>Length of Term:</b> 3 years	<b>Term ending:</b> February 1, 2021
Bette Rose	3 years	February 1, 2021

**Committee to Increase Voter Participation**

Dennis Hubbard	<b>Length of Term:</b> 3 years	<b>Term ending:</b> February 1, 2021
Mitch Seelye	3 years	February 1, 2021

**Corridor Improvement Authority**

John Verburg	<b>Length of Term:</b> 4 years	<b>Term ending:</b> February 1, 2022
Narendra Kumar	4 years	February 1, 2022

**Emergency Preparedness Commission**

Roger Avie	<b>Length of Term:</b> 3 years	<b>Term ending:</b> February 1, 2021
Joel Sloan	3 years	February 1, 2021
Irwin Moyna	3 years -Alternate	February 1, 2021

**Farmington Area Arts Commission**

Joy Gradin	<b>Length of Term:</b> 3 years	<b>Term ending:</b> February 1, 2021
Ted Hadfield	3 years	February 1, 2021

**Farmington Area Commission on Aging**

Laura Champagne	<b>Length of Term:</b> 3 years	<b>Term ending:</b> February 1, 2021
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**Farmington Hills Beautification Commission**

Jennifer Chinn	<b>Length of Term:</b> 3 years	<b>Term ending:</b> February 1, 2021
Carol Kurth	3 years	February 1, 2021
Carol Posby	3 years	February 1, 2021

**Historical Commission**

James Hulett	<b>Length of Term:</b> 3 years	<b>Term ending:</b> February 1, 2021
John Scott	3 years	February 1, 2021

**Historic District Commission**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Michael Hegarty, Jr.	3 years	February 1, 2021
Gania Kandalajt	3 years	February 1, 2021

**Housing Rehabilitation Loan Board**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
John Goshorn	2 years	February 1, 2020
Tracy Clark	2 years	February 1, 2020

**Parks and Recreation Commission**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Larry Hutchinson	3 years	February 1, 2021
Cheryl Ruffolo	3 years	February 1, 2021

**Planning Commission**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Barry Brickner	3 years	February 1, 2021
Elizabeth Rae-O'Donnell	3 years	February 1, 2021
Steve Stimson	3 years	February 1, 2021

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Daniel Vergun	3 years	February 1, 2021

**Committee to Increase Voter Participation**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Aimee Ergas	3 years	February 1, 2021

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Wm. Barnette	3 years	February 1, 2021
Dennis King	3 years	February 1, 2021

**Farmington Community Library Board**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Bill Largent	4 years	February 1, 2022

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF ENTERING INTO AN INTER-LOCAL FLEET SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FARMINGTON TO PROVIDE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SERVICES. CMR 1-18-02**

Kevin McCarthy, Department of Public Works Division, explained that city staff is proposing to enter into a fleet services agreement with the Farmington Department of Public Works. They currently have 10 field staff that maintain roads, sanitary sewer and water operations services and do not have an in-house fleet maintenance staff and must rely on vendors for warranty work with their own staff doing only routine maintenance. He stated that 3 of their 10 employees were injured on the job and are off work, which leaves them unable to conduct minor repairs they would typically do in-house. In addition, the private garages they use do not give them priority and are not open 24/7 during winter events so staff. Farmington Hills staff is proposing the city provide these services for Farmington as good neighbors and

it also fits with Governors plan for shared services. Mr. McCarthy explained this would be a not-for-profit agreement, covering labor, indirect overhead and parts. Farmington Hills' equipment and vehicles will be given priority and staff will regulate the volume and timing based on our own needs and staff availability. He noted that the agreement was developed and reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into the Inter-Agency Service Agreement for Fleet Services with the City of Farmington to provide vehicle repair services.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF QUARTERLY INVESTMENT AND FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby acknowledges the quarterly investment and financial reports.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR UNIFORM LAUNDRY/DRY-CLEANING SERVICES TO PERFECT CLEANERS FOR AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$35,000 PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSION. CMR 1-18-03**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue purchase orders for uniform cleaning to Perfect Cleaners for an estimated annual amount of \$35,000 per year, for three (3) years; and authorizes the City Manager to issue purchase orders for uniform cleaning to Perfect Cleaners for three (3) additional one year extensions at the approved 0% per year increase upon mutual consent between the City and Perfect Cleaners.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2018.**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of January 8, 2018 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL GOALS SESSION MEETING  
MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2018.**

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Goals Session meeting minutes of January 13, 2018 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1-1.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ENTERING INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR SESSION REGARDING PENDING  
LITIGATION.**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering into an Executive Session immediately following the regular session to discuss pending litigation.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Massey adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk