

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
OCTOBER 8, 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: Bridges, Bruce, Knol, Lerner, Massey, Rich and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Mekjian, Directors Barr and Mondora and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cheryl Oliverio, former Councilmember, led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, to amend the agenda to add Item #14 under Additions to Agenda to authorize the Mayor to issue an informational op-ed regarding the November 6, 2018 ballot proposal for transition to a local road millage.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION TIP OF THE MONTH

The following Tip of the Month was read by Doug Reynolds:

**City of Farmington Hills
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
Tip of the Month
OCTOBER 2018**

October is Fire Safety Month

Fire Safety

The Emergency Preparedness Commission would like to remind everyone to install smoke alarms on every level of your residence: outside bedrooms on the ceiling or high on the wall, or at the top of open stairways or at the bottom of enclosed stairs and near, but not in, the kitchen. Test and clean smoke alarms once a month. Replace batteries at least once a year. (Remember to annually change batteries by changing them every New Year's Day or perhaps when the clocks are changed in the spring or the fall.)

Smoke detectors don't last forever, please replace smoke alarms at least every 10 years. This includes wired types.

Remember, a fire can engulf a home in approximately five minutes. Should you have a house fire, get out quickly. Do not stop to fight the fire yourself; do not stop to look for family keepsakes. Remember that you are your family's most important keepsake, so keep safe and get out alive. Prepare yourself and your family by having an occasional fire drill.

Trick or Treat

With “Trick or Treating” just around the corner, remember that Halloween costumes can sometimes be dangerous. If you buy or rent your costumes, please look for the “flame-resistant” label. Flame-resistant is not the same as flame-proof, but it will resist catching fire and can be extinguished more easily. If you make your own costume, try to avoid large flowing costumes made of lightweight cloth. Consider using make-up instead of a mask, as mask can obscure your vision.

While it is fun to be out at night and going door-to-door for treats, there are alternatives. Sometimes condominiums, apartment complexes, local churches, and organizations host indoor “angels night” parties, or outdoor trick-or-treat events. Maybe you can attend one of these as a family.

For more information regarding the Emergency Preparedness Commission visit the website at www.fhready.org.

PROCLAMATION HONORING THE FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2018 PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM WINNERS

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Bruce and accepted by Cultural Arts Supervisor, Rachael Timlin:

**PROCLAMATION
Farmington Public Schools
2018 PTA Reflections Program Winners**

- WHEREAS,** the Farmington Public Schools PTA holds an annual Reflections program, inspiring students to reflect upon a specific theme and create an original work of art in dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography or visual arts; and
- WHEREAS,** this year’s theme, “Within Reach,” inspired hundreds of local elementary, middle, and high school students to submit entries in all categories, with 213 entries advancing to the district level, and 31 visual arts district level winners being chosen for an exhibit in the atrium at Farmington Hills City Hall;
- WHEREAS,** eight winners submitted work that progressed to the national level including Nina Kobayashi of Farmington STEAM Academy, Adriana Lamey of Forest Elementary, Carter Tonnies of Wood Creek Elementary, Ella Lindenberg of Kenbrook Elementary, Dayton Kress of Longacre Elementary, Brendan Callies of Power Middle School, Nikhil Sheth of Warner Middle School, and Megan Cromwell of Farmington High School, the largest number of winners from any Michigan school district; and
- WHEREAS,** additional special recognition was given to Ella Lindenberg of Kenbrook Elementary, whose photograph of five girls on a bench at recess depicted “Friendship Within Reach” and led her to win an Award of Excellence at the national level; and
- WHEREAS,** for 50 years, the National PTA’s Reflection program has helped students explore their thoughts, feelings and ideas, and has encouraged them to develop artistic literacy, gain confidence, and find a love for learning that will help them succeed both in school and in life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby honor the **PTA Reflections Program Winners** for their inspiration and creativity, and applaud their success in sharing their artistic talents and bringing recognition and pride to our community.

Kelli Carpenter-Crawford and Pauline Kim, Co-Chairs for the PTA Reflections Program, thanked City Council for providing the opportunity for the student art to be displayed at City Hall and the Cultural Arts staff for working with them. They recognized the student artists and introduced those students who were present at the meeting.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2018 AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The following Proclamation was read and accepted by Councilmember Steckloff:

**PROCLAMATION
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October 2018**

WHEREAS, since about 1 in 8 U.S. women (over 12%) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the U.S., except for skin cancer, and breast cancer death rates are higher than those for any other cancer besides lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 266,120 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 63,960 new cases of non-invasive breast cancer, and an estimated 40,920 women are expected to die from the disease in 2018 alone; and

WHEREAS, death rates have decreased since 1989 as a result of increased awareness, treatment advances, and earlier detection through screening with mammography, which is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancerous long before physical symptoms become apparent; and

WHEREAS, there are over 3.1 million women with a history of breast cancer in the U.S. today including women currently being treated and women who have finished treatment.

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 October 2018 as **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and encourage citizens to become aware of their risk for breast cancer, undertake regular screenings for early detection, and if diagnosed, to talk to their health care providers about treatment options.

Councilmember Steckloff stated that she is now a 3 year breast cancer survivor. She mentioned that 2.75% of women under the age of 35 are diagnosed and 1.4% of men are diagnosed with breast cancer. She encouraged all men and women to conduct frequent self-examinations.

Mayor Massey reminded residents that the Fire Department is selling t-shirts for \$20 in honor of breast cancer awareness month with all proceeds going to the Beaumont Farmington Hills Cancer Center.

Cheryl Oliverio presented Councilmember Steckloff with a small token she made in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2018 AS SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST AWARENESS MONTH

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Lerner and accepted by Firefighter Jim Etzin:

**PROCLAMATION
Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month
October 2018**

WHEREAS, approximately 350,000 people die each year from Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), making it a leading cause of death in the United States and other countries; and

WHEREAS, SCA claims one life every two minutes, taking more lives annually than breast cancer, lung cancer, and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, anyone can experience Sudden Cardiac Arrest including infants, children, teens and young adults, and people in their thirties and forties who have no signs of heart disease; and

WHEREAS, SCA is not a heart attack, which is caused by impeded blood flow, it is caused by a structural or electrical problem often from an undetected heart condition; and

WHEREAS, to decrease the death toll from SCA, it is critical to educate the public about the risk factors and potential warning signs, and to teach everyone how to administer CPR and use an AED, both crucial to potentially saving a life; and

WHEREAS, the SCA survival rate has remained stagnant for three decades, which underlines the urgent need to raise awareness of how to save a life.

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 October 2018 as **Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Month** and encourage citizens to become aware of risk factors and potential warnings signs of a heart condition, learn about prevention strategies, and be prepared to take immediate action in a cardiac emergency.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 7-13, 2018 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Rich and accepted by Firefighter Stan Barnes:

**PROCLAMATION
Fire Prevention Week
October 7 – 13, 2018**

“Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere.”

- WHEREAS,** the Farmington Hills Fire Department is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our City; and
- WHEREAS,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally with four out of five U.S. fire deaths occurring at home each year; and
- WHEREAS,** over 2,700 people died in home fires in 2016, according to the National Fire Protection Association, with Fire Departments responding to more than 352,000 home fires; and
- WHEREAS,** home fires killed 96 Michigan residents in 86 residential fatal fires, and Fire Departments throughout the state responded to nearly 13,997 home fires in 2017, according to the National Fire Incident Reporting System; and
- WHEREAS,** today’s home fires grow in size faster than ever, typically allowing as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds, due to today’s home furnishings burning faster and producing more toxic gases and smoke; and
- WHEREAS,** working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half, and residents who have planned and practiced an escape plan identifying two exits and closing bedroom doors are more prepared and more likely to survive a fire; and
- WHEREAS,** Farmington Hills Firefighter/Paramedics and Department members who serve on the state’s Community Risk Reduction Task Force are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through fire prevention education; and
- WHEREAS,** the Farmington Hills Fire Department joins with the National Fire Protection Association in promoting the Fire Prevention Week 2018 theme, “Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere.”

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 October 7 – 13, 2018 as **Fire Prevention Week** in the City of Farmington Hills, and urge all citizens to protect their homes and families and to support the efforts of the City’s fire and emergency services.

Firefighter Stan Barnes spoke of the public education program conducted in the schools by the Fire Department to teach them about fire safety and the importance of escape routes and having a family escape plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Massey acknowledged correspondence regarding the ballot proposal.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Bridges, support by Bruce, to approve the Consent Agenda items #8, 9 and 12.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Rich, to approve the Consent Agenda items #10 and 11.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Lorraine Deutsch, Wayburn , expressed concern with the lack of diversity amongst supervisors in the city, and that it is not reflective of the community and questioned if minority companies are provided work in the city.

Mayor Massey explained that the city has had long-time employees but through attrition there are hiring practices in place to attempt to have a staffing that is reflective of the community.

Councilmember Bridges stated that he strongly believes City Council and staff is committed to having staff reflective of the committee but that has been inhibited by slow turn-over of positions. He suggested City Council holds a study session on this issue and challenges the city is facing.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following comments and/or announcements were made by Council:

Councilmember Rich commented on the success of the City-Wide Open House and felt that the compression-only CPR training provided was very well done. She stated that she hosted a coffee hour yesterday at the library and shared one concern expressed was with regard to vaping and the use of jewel.

Mayor Massey stated that at a future study session City Council will be reviewing a possible ordinance to address the concerns with vaping.

Councilmember Bruce also commented on the success of the Open House and thanked all of the staff that participated.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lerner acknowledged a local celebrity Kurt David, a former guidance counselor at East Middle School in Farmington Hills. He wrote the book *From Glory Days* that was made into a television show for which he won an Emmy award this year and the show was just picked up by Amazon Prime. He congratulated Mr. David on his success.

Mayor Massey mentioned a Mental Health Resource Fair being held October 10th at City Hall at 6:30pm sponsored by Farmington SAFE. He echoed the comments on the Open House.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Assistant City Manager Mekjian mentioned the following:

- Staff estimated the city-wide open house had approximately 2000 visitors
- Tomorrow is the Last Day to Register to Vote for the State General Election
- Saturday, October 27th 10am-2pm Police Department is partnering with DEA for prescription drug take-back day
- Tuesday, October 30th at 7pm at Fire Station #5 a public information meeting is being held on the city's ballot proposal to transition to a local road millage
- The last day for yard waste pick up is the week of December 10-14, 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY HEALTH.

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Cheryl Patel to fill an open position on the Commission on Community Health with a term ending February 1, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION FOR A SPECIAL ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION'S ANNUAL ARTS AWARDS. CMR 10-18-87

*****insert resolution**

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR SNOW PLOW BLADES, CURB GUARDS AND CUTTING EDGES TO TRUCK & TRAILER SPECIALTIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 AND HEIGHTS TRUCK EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 10-18-88

MOTION by Brudges, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve purchase orders to Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc. of Howell, Michigan in the amount of \$30,000 for the purchase of snow plow cutting edges and curb guards, and to Heights Truck Equipment of Williamsburg, Michigan in the amount of \$15,000 for the secondary supplier of snow plow cutting edges and curb guards, with possible extensions.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2018.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of September 17, 2018 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2018.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of September 17, 2018 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2018.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of June 25, 2018 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The City Attorney's report was received by Council.

ASKING MAYOR TO ISSUE OP-ED

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the amendment of the agenda to add item #14 under "Additions to Agenda" to authorize the Mayor to issue an informational op-ed regarding the November 6, 2018 ballot proposal for transition to a local road millage.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Massey adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:40pm.

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