

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 – 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 Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Mekjian, Director Gardiner, Fire Chief Unruh and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fire Chief Jon Unruh led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JOHN ANHUT FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO FARMINGTON HILLS

The following Proclamation was read by Mayor Massey and accepted by John Anhut:

PROCLAMATION

**Economic Development Corporation Chairperson John Anhut
*In Recognition of Exemplary Service to Farmington Hills***

WHEREAS, in 1979, the Farmington Hills City Council established the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), a public entity that encourages the establishment of businesses beneficial to the community; and

WHEREAS, the EDC is committed to supporting new and existing industries, joining together with City government and community leaders to achieve the shared goal of creating an environment conducive to vital business growth while upholding the interests of the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, since its incorporation in 1979, John Anhut has served with distinction for three decades as a key member of the EDC and as an important liaison to the local business community; and

WHEREAS, known for his dedication to the City and admired for his leadership skills, John Anhut has served as the Chair of the EDC since 1996 and has greatly impacted our area's financial growth, stability, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, John Anhut has been a true asset to the City and has enhanced our quality of life through his additional contributions as a Board member of the Farmington

Hills/Farmington Community Foundation, and as a member of the Botsford Hospital Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, his vision, guidance, and commitment to maintaining a strong business community will impact generations to come in the City of Farmington Hills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize and honor **John Anhut** for his vital contributions as Chairperson of the Economic Development Corporation and thank him for his continued dedication to the City of Farmington Hills.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 6-12, 2019 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Bruce and accepted by Fire Fighter Stan Barnes:

**PROCLAMATION
Fire Prevention Week
October 6 – 12, 2019**

“Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape.”

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 throughout the U.S. during 2018, according to the National Fire Protection Association, with Fire Departments responding to more than 387,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, Fire Departments throughout the country responded to nearly 1.3 million fires in 2018 and home fires in Michigan that same year killed 139 residents in 107 residential fatal fires according to the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society; 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 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 the Farmington Hills Fire Department installed 672 smoke alarms, 92 carbon monoxide alarms, and one bed shaker for the hearing impaired this year; and

WHEREAS, the Farmington Hills Fire Department joins with the National Fire Protection Association in promoting the Fire Prevention Week 2019 theme, “Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape.”

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 6 – 12, 2019 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence acknowledged at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Smith requested removing the Children, Youth and Families and Brownfield Authority bylaws from Consent Agenda Item #6.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, to approve Consent Agenda items #5 through #7 with the removal of bylaws in Item #6 as requested.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, to approve Consent Agenda item #8.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Judy Bantleon, Sierra Pointe Circle, expressed concern over a suspected marihuana grow operation in the basement of one of the adjoining condominiums and the odor coming into her condo unit and provided information to staff to be distributed to City Council.

It was noted that staff would be looking into this issue.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following comments/announcements were made:

- The Health Fair is being held at the Costick Center on October 8, 2019 from 10am to 1pm
- Farmington Hills representatives will be participation on Michigan Municipal League panels featuring high risk domestic violence task force and human trafficking.
- The increasing issue of smoking marijuana in condos and apartments was noted and residents were encouraged to contact state legislators
- Successful city wide open house event and thank you to the city staff for hosting
- October 7th at 6pm at the Civic Theater in Farmington the Farmington Youth Assistance and the Grant E. Smith Memorial Fund will be sponsoring a showing of Screenagers on the neurological challenges of screen time.
- Farmington SAFE Community Conversation and Resource Fair at City Hall on November 13, 2019 at 6:30pm
- Mayor's quadrant meetings will be held at various fire stations starting at 6:30pm on following dates:
 - October 8th at Fire Station #1
 - October 9th at Fire Station #2
 - October 10th at Fire Station #3
 - October 15th at Fire Station #4

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

There was no update from the City Manager at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AN APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Renee Murphy to the Library Board with the term ending February 1, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) 2, 2018 AGREEMENT.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the 1st amendment to Planned Unit Development (PUD) 2, 2018 Agreement.

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 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS BYLAWS.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the following boards and commissions bylaws:

- Beautification Commission
- Farmington Area Commission on Aging
- Commission on Community Health
- Committee to Increase Voter Participation
- Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority
- Economic Development Corporation
- Emergency Preparedness Commission
- Farmington Area Arts Commission
- Historic District Commission
- Historical Commission
- Housing Rehabilitation Program
- Mayor's Youth Council
- Parks & Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission
- Zoning Board of Appeals

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 REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CODE.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the continued employment under Section 10.01A of the City Code for Jennifer Zuccarini and James Chesney, both Probationary Firefighters for the Fire Department, who intend to marry on September 27, 2019.

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 REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2019.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular session meeting minutes of September 9, 2019, as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Abstentions: BRUCE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1

CLOSED SESSION

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS AN EMPLOYEE REQUESTED REVIEW (NOTE: COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CLOSED SESSION).

MOTION by Knol, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering into a closed session to discuss an employee requested review.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

The Council returned to open session at 9:05pm

MOTION by Bridges, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the compensation increase for the City Manager as presented in closed session.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

(A 2% compensation increase was approved for the City Manager)

ADJOURNMENT

The regular session meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk