

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
NOVEMBER 12, 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 7:32 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 Gardiner and Randle, Police Chief Nebus and City Attorney Joppich

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Narendra Kumar of Beaumont Hospital led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION TIP OF THE MONTH**

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

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION  
TIP OF THE MONTH  
NOVEMBER 2018**

The Emergency Preparedness Commission reminds everyone to prepare for the winter months ahead.

Familiarize yourself with winter weather terminology and know what to do when an Advisory, Watch, or Warning is issued.

At home:

- Make sure your home preparedness kit is current.
- Purchase rock salt or other snow removal materials.
- Prepare your home for winter including checking the chimney for cleanliness, and installing any storm windows or covering windows with plastic.
- Make sure smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly.
- Winterize pet shelters with doors, plastic sheeting, and extra ground cover such as straw and blankets. Change the ground cover regularly. Provide extra food, and make sure drinking water doesn't freeze. *Most animal deaths in wintertime result from dehydration.*

Outside:

- Review the warning signs and first aid treatments for frostbite and hypothermia, as described in your first aid manual.

- The Farmington Hills Senior Division matches senior residents with volunteers who will help them clear snow off sidewalks, porches and driveways in the winter. To volunteer or request help, please call 248-473-1895.

For your automobile:

- Ensure your automobile is prepared for winter driving, including proper maintenance and your auto Winter Survival Kit.
- Know winter driving related safety tips, such as how to steer out of a skid.

The EPC wishes everyone a safe winter season. For more information regarding the Emergency Preparedness Commission, visit the website at [www.fhready.org](http://www.fhready.org). Stay warm, stay safe!!

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 24, 2018 AS SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Knol and accepted by Samantha Seimer, Economic Development Director.

**PROCLAMATION  
Small Business Saturday  
November 24, 2018**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Farmington Hills celebrates small businesses and the critical contribution they make to our community, the local economy, and the overall economic health of the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the U.S. Small Business Administration, currently there are over 30.2 million small businesses in our country, which represents 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** small businesses were responsible for 65.9 percent of net new jobs created from 2000 to 2017, and they employ 47.5 percent of the employees in the private sector in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs, generating tax revenues, and boosting the local economy; and

**WHEREAS,** Small Business Saturday encourages consumers in the U.S. to shop at local businesses, support local merchants, and dine at independently-owned restaurants every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

**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 November 24, 2018 as **Small Business Saturday** and urge all residents to support small businesses annually on the Saturday after Thanksgiving and also throughout the entire year.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Massey acknowledged correspondence regarding drainage issues and he worked with the City Attorney and staff to provide some direction and suggestions to the resident.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

There were no public questions or comments.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Lerner mentioned the following:

- Good fellows collection bins for non-perishable foods will be located at all Farmington Public Schools, Farmington and Farmington Hills City Halls, the Costick Center and Farmington Community Library in Farmington that will benefit families, seniors and developmentally-challenged adults living below the poverty level in Farmington Hills.
- Farmington Hills Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Wednesday, November 14, 2018 from 4-7pm at the Costick Center and all donations go to the After-School Program.

Mayor Massey made the following comments:

- Acknowledged the Stars and Stripes Forever event honoring veterans in the community
- Thanked the voters for approving the Charter Amendment that allows for a local road millage to maintain the roads
- Staff is looking for residents to serve on the Every Vote Counts Census Committee, which is a joint effort with the City of Farmington, those interested should contact the City Manager's Office
- Country Lanes has revitalized their business and the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 29, 2018 at 4:45pm to celebrate. Council has challenged the City of Farmington Council to a bowl-a-thon as part of the celebration following the ribbon-cutting.
- C.A.R.E.S is hosting a community Thanksgiving Celebration Monday, November 19, 2018 at 5:30pm at the parish campus on Shiawassee, west of Inkster Road.
- Thank you to all candidates that participated in the Election and congratulations to those who won their elections.

**CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

City Manager Boyer mentioned that the last day for yard waste pick up is the week of December 10-14, 2018.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) 1, 2015 AGREEMENT FOR BEAUMONT/BOTSFORD HOSPITAL.**

Edward Gardiner, Director of Planning and Community Development, explained that on August 27, 2018, City Council approved an amendment to a PUD plan for Beaumont/Botsford Hospital. The amendment included the removal of an apartment building on the northeast corner of the property to accommodate expanded parking and related amenities. A condition of the approval of the PUD plan was to amend the

PUD agreement, which is before Council for approval this evening and has been reviewed by the City Attorney and Attorney for Beaumont/Botsford Hospital.

MOTION by Rich, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the First Amendment to Planned Unit Development Agreement Botsford Development.

MOTION CARRIED 6 - 0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR THE MICHIGAN FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (DISPATCHERS). CMR 11-18-91**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and the Director of Human Resources to execute a new Agreement with Michigan Fraternal Order of Police, in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the City Manager's Report No. CMR 11-18-91.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CANCELING THE DECEMBER 24, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby cancels the regular City Council meeting of December 24, 2018.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

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

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Code for Cheryl A. Conn-Oeller as Part-Time Clerk Typist I in the Building Division. Cheryl A Conn-Oeller is the sister-in-law of Lee Cox who is a Housing Rehab Specialist in the Planning and Community Development Department.

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 STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2018.**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of October 22, 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 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2018.**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of October 22, 2018, as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

The City Attorney's report was received by Council.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ENTERING INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION (MERRIMAN VS. CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, ET AL).**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering into a closed session to discuss pending litigation (Merriman vs. City of Farmington Hills, et al).

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

City Council returned to regular session following the closed session.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, to authorize the City's attorneys to proceed in the manner as discussed in closed session with regard to the case Merriman vs. City of Farmington Hills, et al.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Massey adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:19pm.

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