

MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2021 – 9:00AM

The Special Study Session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was held electronically and called to order by Mayor Barnett at 9:15AM.

During roll call, Council Members were asked to state their location from where they are attending the meeting remotely.

Council Members Present: Vicki Barnett, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Jackie Boleware, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Michael Bridges, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Valerie Knol, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Ken Massey, Farmington Hills, Michigan  
Mary Newlin, Farmington Hills, Michigan

Council Members Absent: None (one vacancy)

Others Present: Acting City Manager Mekjian, City Clerk Smith and City Attorney Joppich

**INTERVIEWS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**

Mayor Barnett outlined the process for how the interviews would be conducted. City Council interviewed the following candidates to fill the City Council vacancy.

Leon Walsh, Jr.  
Matthew Strickfaden  
Asim Khan  
Jennifer Greening  
½ HOUR BREAK  
Carrie Christoph  
William White - **withdrew**  
Dr. Charles Starkman  
Dr. Samuel Ramsey III

Mayor Barnett announced that City Council would take approximately ½ hour to review their own notes from all of the interviews conducted and she asked that after that time each Council member identify their top 6 or 7 candidates.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**DELIBERATION AND SELECTION OF APPLICANT TO FILL THE VACANCY FOR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER**

Mayor Barnett reviewed the list of candidates from the past two days and each Council Member identified the persons they selected as their top candidates. The top two candidates were Nathaniel McClure and Matthew Strickfaden. City Council took a vote between those two candidates and Matthew Strickfaden received the majority of votes.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, to cast a unanimous vote for Matthew Strickfaden to fill the vacant position on City Council.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY AND NEWLIN

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Mayor Barnett asked City Clerk Smith to contact the other candidates this evening by email on behalf of City Council regarding their decision and encourage them to serve on a board or commission for the city. Mayor Barnett would contact Mr. Strickfaden on his appointment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, to adjourn the special meeting at 2:51pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY AND NEWLIN

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk