

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
MARCH 14, 2016 – 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, Directors Gajda and Lasley, Police Chief Nebus, Fire Chief Unruh, and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Students David Cullington and Philomena Ingle led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION “TIP OF THE MONTH”

The following Tip of the Month was read by Emergency Preparedness Commission Member Philip Mintz:

MARCH 2016
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
TIP OF THE MONTH

This month the Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Commission is emphasizing knowledge and preparedness for weather and tornado-related events.

In Michigan, most tornadoes occur in April, May, June and July, usually between 3 and 7 p.m. Oakland County ranks third highest in Michigan for the number of tornadoes. To alert residents when a tornado has been sighted, Oakland County has more than 200 outdoor warning sirens, nine of which are located in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Oakland County activates the siren system either when radar indicates severe weather conditions are present, when an actual tornado or funnel cloud is sighted or when wind speeds are 70 mph or higher. The sirens are only activated for these specific weather conditions, not for any other reason except testing.

Testing of the warning system occurs on first Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. during the months of May through November.

March is a good time for you and your family to have a tornado drill. You should have your 72-hour kit ready – including a battery operated radio – to take to your basement, or other designated area in your home.

Try to make the drill a fun family event. Practice your drill as a family or household group. Perhaps you could go out for a treat afterwards, or give prizes to children who know what to do.

For more information about tornado preparedness and for answers to your emergency preparedness questions please visit the website at www.FHReady.com.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING 8:30 TO 9:30 P.M. ON MARCH 19, 2016 AS “EARTH HOUR”

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Steckloff and accepted by Lydia Macklin-Camel:

**PROCLAMATION
Earth Hour
8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on March 19, 2016**

- WHEREAS,** Earth Hour, organized by the World Wildlife Foundation, is a global initiative that calls on individuals and businesses around the world to turn off their lights for one hour on Saturday, March 19, 2016 between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m.; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Farmington Hills Commission on Energy and Environmental Sustainability and the City’s Georgetown University Energy Prize initiatives encourage local businesses and residents to save energy and resources and also to incorporate sustainable practices into everyday life; and
- WHEREAS,** the Farmington Hills Nature Center is hosting “One Starry Night – An Earth Hour Event” on Saturday, March 19 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. to encourage families to turn off their lights and explore the cosmos; and
- WHEREAS,** Farmington Hills will unite with over one billion people in more than 7,000 cities on seven continents in the observance of Earth Hour 2016.

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 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2016 as **Earth Hour** in the City of Farmington Hills and call upon our citizens to become better educated about how individual actions can have a global impact and help change our planet for the better.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CONSUMERS ENERGY FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF FARMINGTON HILLS AND FARMINGTON

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Bridges and accepted by Greg Meyer, Public Affairs Area Manager for Consumers Energy:

**PROCLAMATION
Honoring Consumers Energy
For Exemplary Service to the Residents of
Farmington Hills and Farmington**

- WHEREAS,** Consumers Energy is one of the nation's largest combination utilities, providing electric and natural gas service to nearly 6.6 million of Michigan's 10 million residents, in all 68 Lower Peninsula counties; and
- WHEREAS,** the Consumers Energy “Growing Forward” strategy calls for making significant investments in energy efficiency, renewable energy, environmental enhancements, and new power generation; and

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy serves the needs of residents in Farmington Hills and Farmington by offering various energy efficiency programs that have helped Michigan customers save an estimated \$1 billion on their energy bills; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Farmington Hills and Farmington have encouraged residents to save energy and money by undertaking a Consumers Energy Home Energy Analysis, the first step in evaluating home energy usage; and

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy has been a dedicated partner in the quest to win the five million dollar Georgetown University Energy Prize, which challenges communities to create and employ plans for improvement of energy efficiency.

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 **Consumers Energy** for their dedication to helping residents learn about environmental stewardship, community sustainability, and the cost savings that can be realized through energy efficiency.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DTE ENERGY FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF FARMINGTON HILLS AND FARMINGTON

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Bridges and accepted by Michael A. Palchesko, DTE Regional Manager:

**PROCLAMATION
Honoring DTE Energy
For Exemplary Service to the Residents of
Farmington Hills and Farmington**

WHEREAS, DTE Energy, one of the nation's largest diversified energy companies, develops and manages energy-related businesses and services nationwide including an electric utility serving 2.2 million customers in Southeastern Michigan and a natural gas utility serving 1.2 million customers in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, DTE's Energy Optimization (EO) programs help reduce residential and business customers' energy use by increasing the awareness of energy saving technologies, and by providing rebates, tips, tools, strategies, and energy efficiency education; and

WHEREAS, DTE Energy serves customers' needs by investing in energy efficiency programs, which will provide a total economic benefit of about \$4.5 billion dollars in avoided energy costs for customers through 2029; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Farmington Hills and Farmington have encouraged residents to save energy and money by downloading the DTE Insight smartphone app, which enables customers to save money by monitoring and reducing their energy use; and

WHEREAS, DTE Energy is a dedicated partner in the quest to win the five million dollar Georgetown University Energy Prize, which challenges communities to create and employ plans for improvement of energy efficiency.

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 **DTE Energy** for their dedication to helping residents learn about environmental stewardship, community sustainability, and the cost savings that can be realized through energy efficiency.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 13 – 19, 2016 AS “NATIONAL LONG-TERM CARE ADMINISTRATORS WEEK”

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Bridges and accepted by Margaret Lightner, President/CEO of Botsford Commons Senior Community and Administrator of Botsford Rehabilitation and Continuing Care Center:

**PROCLAMATION
National Long-Term Care Administrators Week
March 13 - 19, 2016**

- WHEREAS,** Long-Term Care Administrators manage facilities and personnel, which requires the highest level of skills and leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** Long-Term Care Administrators are committed to staying abreast of the latest information on a wide range of health-related topics and issues to ensure that quality care standards are maintained; and
- WHEREAS,** Long-Term Care Administrators provide expert care for loved ones in need of specialized and long-term care services while respecting each resident’s need for dignity and independence; and
- WHEREAS,** The American College of Health Care Administrators, an organization committed to promoting excellence in health care, recognizes the importance of providing quality patient care to the post-acute, chronically ill, and aging populations in our country.

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 March 13 – 19, 2016 as **Long-Term Care Administrators Week** in the City of Farmington Hills and call upon our citizens to become better educated about long-term care options and to recognize how long-term care administrators provide the leadership and attention to detail that helps to ensure a high quality of life for our loved ones.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Lerner requested removing for further discussion Item #15, Consideration of award of contract for the Colfax Street and Gill Road Reconstruction and CDBG Sidewalk Project to Cadillac Asphalt, LLC in the amount of \$1,698,924.96.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Rich, to approve the Consent Agenda Items 14 and 16-24 as published.

Councilmember Bridges commented that requests for employment under Section 10.01A seem to come before Council every couple of months and the requests are typically from the same department.

City Manager Boyer explained that the Special Services Department employs between 200-400 part-time employees throughout the year and it is a challenge to employ that many people on a part-time basis to fill the positions.

Bryan Farmer pointed out that they have a great e-mail system in which the job postings go out to everyone in the city and many times the applicants are related to employees; but not necessarily within their own department. He agreed that they struggle to fill the part-time positions and send the notices out to colleges and to various associations; but they are always looking for people to work part-time in the parks, camps, etc., so any help in getting the word out would be appreciated.

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 Rich, to approve the Consent Agenda Item 25 as published.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Councilmember Lerner commented that Cadillac Asphalt was the same contractor that was awarded the Farmington Road rehabilitation project, and he had some concern with the condition the road and how that was left during the project, which was in conflict with the contract terms; and he feels they did not do an adequate job in serving the citizens of the community or responding to inquiries or concerns by the City. He suggested disqualifying them for this project and awarding the project to the 2nd low bidder.

Mayor Pro-Tem Knol acknowledged that Cadillac was also being awarded another project this evening.

Mr. Lerner stated that he does not have an issue with the quality of work as completed by Cadillac Asphalt, but had some concerns with the condition of the roads during the project. He felt that by awarding them the one project, the city is still allowing them to work within the city; but should not be awarded this large of a project when the 2nd low bidder is so close in price.

Jim Cubera, City Engineer, agreed that they had some challenges with the Farmington Road project, but he would still consider Cadillac Asphalt a good, qualify firm. He suggested that the contractor have an opportunity to speak with staff about any concerns or address Council before they were disqualified.

Councilmember Bruce inquired about legal ramifications for disqualifying a contractor.

Attorney Joppich stated that there is no contract in place at this time and the City has the right to choose the best contractor for the project and the City. He suggested that before taking action to award the bid to another contractor that the Council could consider postponing the issue to obtain more information if there is not a timing issue to start the project so that the City can give its due diligence to the issue.

Discussion continued with regard to issues with the Farmington Road project. Mr. Cubera noted other projects the company has completed within the City.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner to postpone Consent discussion Item #15, Consideration of award of contract for the Colfax Street And Gill Road Reconstruction and CDBG Sidewalk Project to Cadillac Asphalt, LLC in the amount of \$1,698,924.96, to the March 28, 2016 City Council meeting.

MOTION CARRIED 5-2 (Bridges and Steckloff opposed)

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Dan Irvin, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, mentioned that the Chamber is financially stronger than at the beginning of 2015 and they have added more member benefits. One focus for 2016 is economic development and the retention of current businesses within the communities. He stated that the Chamber has partnered CGI Companies, a video production company out of Rochester, NY to shoot four videos throughout the communities on April 19th and 20th focusing on economic development, relocation and housing, chamber benefits and a welcome to Farmington/Farmington Hills. Mr. Irvin mentioned that the Chamber also has a new website and these videos will appear on the homepage. They will also provide for live streaming of videos when they are at events, including City Council meetings if that is allowed. They are hoping to launch a community marketing committee from these videos. He thanked the Mayor and Council and staff for being supportive of the Chamber over the last year.

Laurie Savin, West Bloomfield, spoke of her candidacy for Oakland County Circuit Court.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The following comments and announcements were made:

- Festival of the Arts is April 15th with the reception starting at 6pm and event starting at 7pm at the Costick Activities Center
- Councilmember Rich is hosting her 2nd Sunday Stroll April 10th starting in the Heritage Room at the Farmington Hills Library
- Neighborhood House Fundraising Gala is April 21st from 4pm-7pm at the Longacre House
- The March 8th Presidential Primary produced a 42.71% voter turnout in Farmington Hills, double that of 2012 and a record turnout in Michigan
- This week is Sunshine Week in Michigan – City FOIA guidelines and policies are on the city's website at www.fhgov.com
- City Council will be hosting quadrant meetings throughout the City on March 16th at Fire Station #2, March 17th at Fire Station #4, March 23rd at Fire Station #1 and March 24th at Fire Station #3 and all meetings will be held from 7pm-9pm
- Farmington SAFE Bowl-A-Thon fundraising event is scheduled for March 20th at Country Lanes

CITY MANAGER UPDATE:

City Manager Boyer mentioned the following:

- Farmington Hills Golf Course opened today
- Yard Waste pick-up will begin April 11, 2016

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR BRIAR HILL SUBDIVISION ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT, SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT C-346, AND ESTABLISH THE TERMS OF THE ASSESSMENT PERIOD. CMR 3-16-13

Director Mekjian stated that on February 22, 2016, City Council set this public hearing date to consider project costs for the Briar Hill Subdivision road rehabilitation project and on March 2, 2016, city Engineering staff hosted an open house for residents to review the proposed project and how the construction may affect their property. He noted that approximately 36 of the 130 home were represented at the open house. Mr. Mekjian explained that bids for the project were advertised and opened and the total project cost based on bids received is proposed to be \$1,890,999.07 and a single unit assessment cost of \$9,380.00, which is less than the \$11,000.00 represented at the hearing of determination last fall.

City Council is being asked to adopt a resolution that would set the payment terms to be decided by Council at either 10 or 15 years and confirm the assessment roll as presented.

Mayor Massey opened the public hearing.

Polina Inger, Old Bedford, questioned the interest rate on the loan and if the residents will know their exact costs before the project starts.

Mayor Massey stated that the single unit assessment is proposed to be \$9,380.00 and tonight is when Council is considering the costs and final assessment roll for the project.

Pat Alzady, Beacontree, stated that she heard there was an outstanding lawsuit against Nagle Paving for mishandling debris and causing basement flooding and is curious whether that was taken into consideration. She asked what the costs would be for a corner lot and asked for clarification regarding the comment made that Nagle Paving was not a certified company.

There being no further comments, Mayor Massey closed the public hearing.

City Manager Boyer stated that the interest rate proposed is a 10 year assessment at 5% or a 15 year assessment at 5.5%. He confirmed that any such lawsuit does not involve Farmington Hills.

Attorney Joppich confirmed there is no such lawsuit in Farmington Hills and that issue would actually pertain to the award of the bid, which is being considered later on the agenda.

Mr. Boyer clarified that the comment made was that Nagle Paving Company is not certified in asphalt production and there are two companies from which companies such as Nagle purchase their asphalt.

City Engineer, Jim Cubera, stated that interior corner lots would not exceed 1.3 units of assessment.

Councilmember Bridges inquired about the construction, installation of speed humps and sewer improvements.

Mr. Cubera explained the construction layers and confirmed that the speed bumps that were removed would be re-installed. He stated that anytime the City has a road project, they review the infrastructure as part of that and any improvements would be paid out of the city sewer/water fund.

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts the resolution establishing the assessment period for 10 years and confirming the assessment roll

for the Briar Hill Subdivision Road Rehabilitation Project, Special Assessment District C-346, based on the property owner's share of the cost of the project and as presented to City Council on March 14, 2016, and

Councilmember Bridges inquired why Mayor Pro-Tem Knol was proposing the 10 year payment terms.

Mayor Pro-Tem Knol responded that in the past, Council has approved a 10 year assessment for similar amounts and the 15 year assessment would be at a higher interest rate costing residents more money overall.

Councilmember Rich inquired if there is a pre-payment penalty. Mayor Massey stated there is not.

Finance Director Gajda explained that with any special assessment the property owners would have an opportunity to pay the assessment off in full without interest for a short period of time and after that, interest would be charged; but they could still pay it off at any time throughout the 10 or 15 years to reduce their interest costs. In answer to Councilmember Rich, he stated that he does not believe the interest fee is deductible.

Councilmember Bruce inquired if there is any detriment to the city choosing between the 10 and 15 year assessment.

Director Gajda stated that there is not as the city will issue bonds for the project identical to the terms of the assessment. The interest rate on 15 years would be slightly higher and the advantage to the homeowner would be that their annual payment would be less; however, their overall payment would end up being higher.

Mayor Pro-Tem Knol inquired roughly how many people typically pay their assessment off in full without interest. Mr. Gajda estimated no more than 5%.

Councilmember Bridges inquired about the financial assistance programs. Mr. Gajda explained that the City has a deferment program for which a property owner must qualify.

Councilmember Bruce stated that he would prefer the 15 year payment terms since this is a special assessment initiated by the City rather than by resident petition and to also provide the residents a longer time frame in which to pay off the assessment. Councilmember Bridges concurred.

Mayor Massey stated that he does not recall any road project being assessed for more than 10 years and questioned if the city starts bonding projects over 15 years, could the debt incurred potentially harm the City's AAA bond rating.

Mr. Gajda responded that he does not feel there a concern at this time as the city has such a limited amount of debt. The important part is to only bond for a period of time that is no longer than the useful life of the road. If the city continues to approve SAD projects over the next 5 to 10 years, there could be an issue of outstanding debt down the road, and that is something that should continually be reviewed.

Discussion ensued on the payment terms, interest rates, etc.

MOTION CARRIED 4-3 (Bridges, Bruce and Rich opposed)

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AN INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE III, "GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION," "APPROVAL OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS," TO AMEND THE AUTHORITY FOR EXECUTION OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY. CMR 3-16-14

Director of Finance Dave Gajda explained that new federal grant regulations required all federal grant reimbursement requests to be certified by someone who can legally bind the city and currently only the City Manager can legally bind the city. He noted that given the nature and extent of the grants received every year, he is recommending this Ordinance that would expand the list of who can legally bind the city to the City Manager, Assistant City Manager and the applicable Department Director that would be managing the grant.

Attorney Joppich clarified that the proposed recommendation in the report was to also set a public hearing; however, this is an amendment to the City Code and does not require a public hearing.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that City Council hereby approves the Introduction of an Amendment to the Administration Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Farmington Hills, "Administration," Article III, "Governmental Organization," "Approval of Legal Documents," to amend the authority for execution of legal documents on behalf of the City.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: STECKLOFF

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-1.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AN INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE LEASING OF CITY LAND TO OAKLAND COUNTY, NEW PAR, D/B/A VERIZON WIRELESS AND OTHER WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS. CMR 3-16-15

Director of Central Services Michael Lasley explained that back in December, Council approved leasing of space at the water tower and as a result of that, we were notified that an ordinance was required authorizing the City to lease the space and this is the first reading of that ordinance. He noted that the Oakland County Water Resource Commission signed off on the agreement since they own and finance the water tower and the city is waiting for signing of the agreement by Verizon, and it is anticipated this will be done within the next 30 days.

Councilmember Bridges inquired about the lease abatement payment in the amount of \$33,000 to Verizon.

Mr. Lasley explained that this was previously mentioned to City Council and was approved by the previous City Manager to offset costs that Verizon would occur to move from the lattice tower to the water tower.

Mr. Lasley noted that the City will receive approximately \$34,000 per year in revenue.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Introduction of Ordinance to authorize leasing of City land to Oakland County, New Par, D/B/A Verizon Wireless, and other wireless telecommunication service providers.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION AGREEMENT RELATING TO SOUTHWESTERN OAKLAND CABLE COMMISSION (SWOCC). CMR 3-16-16

City Manager Boyer stated that at the study session meeting of February 22, 2016, City Council reviewed the agreement with SWOCC and the possible dissolution of SWOCC in light of the City of Novi notifying the parties that they wished to remove themselves from the Commission. The SWOCC Board passed a motion in November to consider the dissolution of SWOCC.

Mr. Boyer noted that the services would continue by each entity on its own and Channel 8.1 would continue and the city cable staff involved would remain and provide for those services out of another building and the SWOCC building and other assets would be sold and divided based on the proposed agreement.

Mayor Massey stated that this issue has been discussed both at study session meetings and by the SWOCC Board for a while and the services will still be provided but adapting to changes in technology and this would be the dissolution of the Commission as it currently stands.

MOTION by Knol, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Dissolution and Liquidation Agreement relating to Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC).

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ACTING CITY MANAGER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.07B OF THE CITY CHARTER. CMR 3-16-17

Attorney Joppich explained that the Charter calls for the designation of an Acting City Manager in the absence of the City Manager and the currently the Acting City Manager is the newly appointed City Manager so Council is being asked to consider this resolution that would designate Assistant City Manager Gary Mekjian as the Acting City Manager.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts the following resolution:

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**

RESOLUTION NO. R-26-16

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held in the Farmington Hills City Hall on March 14, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., with those present and absent being,

PRESENT: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF
ABSENT: NONE

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Bruce and supported by Councilperson Bridges:

WHEREAS, Section 3.07.B of the Farmington Hills City Charter authorizes City Council to designate an employee to serve as the Acting City Manager during periods of absence or disability of the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, David Boyer was previously designated to serve as the Acting City Manager, but he has been appointed to the office of City Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 3.07.B of the City Charter, Gary Mekjian is designated to serve as the Acting City Manager.

AYES: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR TYPES I & III AMBULANCES, RELATED EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO MERCY SALES REPRESENTING MARQUE AMBULANCES FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS; AND THE PURCHASE OF SIX TYPE I AMBULANCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,371,648.00. CMR 3-16-18

Director Lasley stated that the request is to award proposals for Type I and II ambulances and in the city's continued effort to conduct cooperative purchasing, this is he believes the first ever cooperative bid for ambulances in the State and was coordinated by the City of Farmington Hills and includes the City of Rochester Hill and Warren and Townships of Northville and Commerce. It is expected that initially 18 vehicles will be ordered with 6 identified in the report for Farmington Hills. It is proposed to award the contract to the lowest competent bidder, Mercy Sales. Four (4) of the vehicles were included in the 2015/16 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget and two (2) of the vehicles are included in the proposed 2016/17 CIP budget. Existing vehicles would be traded in to offset some of the costs.

Councilmember Lerner stated that the City was using refurbished ambulances to save money and questioned if the city was doing that any longer.

Fire Chief Unruh stated that to his knowledge, the City is no longer using the refurbished model and what is proposed is a new model vehicle that would be much easier to work on as they have stock parts and they are able to get more mileage out of the new, medium-duty ambulances. He confirmed the plan is to keep the vehicles for 5 years and they can either rotate them or have them rotate out at the same time.

Director Lasley stated that staff talked to the manufacturers about the concept of using the existing box and putting that on a brand new chassis; but the reviews are mixed as the vehicles are heavily used and some of the performance is lacking and technology changes so quickly.

MOTION by Rich, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Mercy Sales representing Marque Ambulances for Type I & III Ambulances & Related Equipment for a period of three (3) years with optional

renewal for three (3) additional one (1) year periods through mutual consent under the same terms and conditions; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for six (6) Type I Ambulances for a total of \$1,371,648.00; four (4) from the fiscal year 2015/16 Capital Fund and two (2) from the fiscal year 2016/17 Capital Fund with the understanding that if City Council does not approve the 2016/17 Capital Budget, the two (2) vehicles will be cancelled.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BRIAR HILL SUBDIVISION ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT, SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT C-346 TO NAGLE PAVING COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,455,766.86. CMR 3-16-19

Director Mekjian stated that the public hearing for the determination to proceed with the project was held on October 12, 2015, at which time City Council authorized staff to proceed with the project and design the project. Bids were published and received and staff is recommending that the project is awarded to the lowest, competent bidder Nagle Paving Company.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Briar Hill Subdivision Road Rehabilitation Project S.A.D. C-346 be awarded to the lowest competent bidder, Nagle Paving Company in the amount of \$1,455,766.86; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA:
RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2016 SIDEWALK PROJECT TO JB CONTRACTORS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,769.14, CMR 3-16-20**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the 2016 Sidewalk Project be awarded to the lowest competent bidder, JB Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$94,769.14; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

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 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE COLFAX STREET AND GILL ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND CDBG SIDEWALK PROJECT TO CADILLAC ASPHALT, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,698,924.96. CMR 3-16-21

THIS ITEM WAS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION ABOVE.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR INKSTER ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT TO CADILLAC ASPHALT, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$454,409.45. CMR 3-16-22

MOTION by Lerner, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the award of contract for the +Inkster Road Rehabilitation Project to the lowest competent bidder, Cadillac Asphalt, LLC in the amount of \$454,409.45; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the City.

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 AWARD OF BID FOR THE 2016 AND 2017 AS-NEEDED FORESTRY SERVICE PROGRAM TO SHEPARD'S LANDSCAPING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$229,876.00; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 3-16-23

MOTION by Lerner, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to sign the contract with Shepard's Landscaping in the amount of \$229,876.00 for the 2016 and 2017 As-Needed Forestry Service Program; with 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 AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR WAYFINDING AND SIGN CONSULTATION, DESIGN, FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES TO HARMON SIGN SOLUTIONS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 3-16-24

MOTION by Lerner, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve all budgeted purchase orders to Harmon Sign Solutions for Wayfinding and Sign Consultation, Design, Fabrications and Installation Services for a period of three (3) years; with optional renewal for three (3) additional one (1) year periods through mutual consent under the same terms and conditions.

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 AWARD OF BID FOR 2016 MOSQUITO CONTROL BRIQUETTES TO UNIVAR USA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,830.00; AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF ELIGIBLE MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITIES UNDER OAKLAND COUNTY'S WEST NILE VIRUS PROGRAM. CMR 3-16-25

MOTION by Lerner, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes approval of a purchase order to Univar USA for the purchase of larvicide briquettes in the amount of \$18,830.00; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council adopts the following resolution authorizing reimbursement of eligible mosquito control activities under Oakland County's 2016 West Nile Virus Program.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING WEST NILE VIRUS FUND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held on the 14th day of March, 2016, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., with those present and absent being,

PRESENT: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF
ABSENT: NONE

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilperson Lerner and supported by Councilperson Rich:

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Oakland County Executive, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners has established a West Nile Virus Fund Program to assist Oakland County cities, villages and townships in addressing mosquito control activities; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund Program authorizes Oakland County cities, villages and townships to apply for reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred in connection with mosquito larviciding.

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, has incurred expenses in connection with mosquito control activities that are eligible for reimbursement under Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Council authorizes and directs its DPW Superintendent, Kevin McCarthy, as agent for the City of Farmington Hills, to request reimbursement of eligible mosquito control activity under Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund Program.

AYES: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR AMMUNITION TO KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,230.00. CMR 3-16-26

MOTION by Lerner, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve a purchase order for .223 and 9MM caliber duty and training ammunition to Kiesler Police Supply in the amount of \$27,230.00.

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 ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE COST HEARING DATE OF APRIL 11, 2016 FOR INDEPENDENCE COMMONS SUBDIVISION ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT, SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT C-345. CMR 3-16-27

MOTION by Lerner, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts a resolution establishing the date of the cost hearing for the Special Assessment District for the Independence Commons Subdivision Road Rehabilitation Project in Section 20, S.A.D. C-345 for April 11, 2016.

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 AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE 2016 PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON 13 MILE ROAD FROM FARMINGTON ROAD TO ORCHARD LAKE ROAD, 13 MILE ROAD FROM HAGGERTY ROAD TO HALSTED ROAD, AND DRAKE ROAD FROM 13 MILE ROAD TO 14 MILE ROAD. CMR 3-16-28

MOTION by Lerner, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into Agreement #15-5614 on behalf of the City with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the construction and construction engineering of the reconstruction and resurfacing of 13 Mile Road from Farmington Road to Orchard Lake Road, 13 Mile Road from Haggerty Road to Halsted Road and Drake Road from 13 Mile Road to 14 Mile Road.

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 REQUESTS FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CODE

MOTION by Lerner, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the following requests for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Code:

Vivian Eckert as a Swim Leader for the Department of Special Services. Vivian Eckert is the niece of Dana Catt-Young, who works in the Accounting Division.

Shannon Gale as Full-time Account Clerk I for the Treasury Division. Shannon Gale is the wife of Matthew Gale, who is a Recreation Supervisor in the Special Services Department.

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 FEBRUARY 22, 2016

MOTION by Lerner, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of February 22, 2016 as submitted.

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 MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2016

MOTION by Lerner, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of February 22, 2016 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

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

The City Attorney's report was received by Council and there were no questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Massey adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 9:35pm.

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