

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 22, 2021 – 7:30 PM

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was held electronically and called to order by Mayor Barnett at 7:30pm.

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
Matthew Strickfaden, Farmington Hills, Michigan

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, City Clerk Smith, Directors Gardiner, Mondora, Monico, Police Chief King and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Barnett led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

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

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STRICKFADEN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PRESENTATION FROM NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL RED CROSS CLUB REGARDING VACCINE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Tejaswini Sivalokanathan and Ashna Ganesan, members of the North Farmington High School Red Cross Club, provided a presentation on Vaccine Awareness.

City Council thanked the students for their informative presentation.

PRESENTATION OF REACCREDITATION THROUGH AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION

Sean O'Dell, American Public Works Association (APWA), explained the reaccreditation process and staff involvement throughout. He congratulated the Department of Public Services on this achievement

noting that they are only one of three Public Service Departments in the State to be accredited. He also thanked Steve Miller who was present from APWA for his assistance.

Director Karen Mondora, Public Services, thanked Mr. Miller and his team for their assistance as they went through the reaccreditation process and thanked City Council and the City Manager for their continued support. She recognized the following staff members who were present and put so much work into the process: Kevin McCarthy, DPW Director; Jim Cubera, Senior Engineer; Barb Smrtka, Secretary to the Director; Tammy Gushard, Assistant to the Director and Anne Marie Waker, Administrative Secretary as well as City Manager Mekjian.

City Manager Mekjian complimented the department on their achievement.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARCH 21 – 27, 2021 AS SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Bridges and accepted by Jamie Neufeld, Fire Department:

**PROCLAMATION
Severe Weather Awareness Week
March 21 – 27, 2021**

WHEREAS, Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Oakland County Executive David Coulter have declared the week of March 21 – 27, 2021 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland County Homeland Security Division will be engaged in various public education efforts during Severe Weather Awareness Week to help minimize the loss of life and destruction of property that can result from severe weather; and

WHEREAS, to further raise the awareness level of severe weather safety and to promote tornado safety preparedness, Oakland County will conduct a special test of its Outdoor Warning System sirens on **Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Vicki Barnett, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim March 21 – 27, 2021 as **Severe Weather Awareness Week** in Farmington Hills and encourage all residents, schools, and businesses to test their severe weather action plans to ensure the safety of everyone in our community.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

- Letter from the Holocaust Memorial Center about applying for a grant through the education funds for schools. This letter will be presented to Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence that serves on the appropriation committee.

Mayor Barnett asked if City Council would be willing to have their names added to this letter in support of this request.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, to move forward with preparing the letter of support as outlined by the Mayor to include the names of City Council.

Mayor Barnett added that the final letter would be circulated to all Councilmembers.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STRICKFADEN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Mayor Barnett also mentioned several letters received regarding zoning issues that have been sent on to the City Manager for follow up.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STRICKFADEN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There were no public questions or comments.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following comments and announcements were made:

- Inquiry as to the city's plans for post winter clean-up.

Kevin McCarthy, DPW Director, outlined the cities plans for seasonal catch basin and street sweeping and working with the Planning Department and Beautification Commission on a city-wide roadside clean-up on April 24, 2021. Discussion was held on the city-wide roadside clean-up and plans to advertise that event.

- March is Reading Month and Councilmember Newlin suggested City Council consider preparing a video of them reading that could be used by the public schools.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Mekjian provided the following update:

- Yard waste pick-up begins the week of April 12th
- Siren testing will take place on March 24, 2021 at 1pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO VACATE A PUBLIC ALLEY ALONG 30250 GRAND RIVER AVENUE ADJACENT TO THE NORTH LOT LINE OF LOTS 1-13 IN THE B.H. WARK'S AVIATION SUBDIVISION IN

**SECTION 35, SUBJECT TO A FULL WIDTH UTILITY EASEMENT BEING RETAINED
OVER THE VACATED AREA. CMR 3-21-26**

Tammy Gushard, Public Services, explained that the city received a request from the owner of 30250 Grand River to vacate a 25' public alley on their property. She noted that the requestor owns all parcels abutting the alley. A public hearing is required and all property owners within 300 feet were notified of the hearing. The city also reached out to various agencies who might have an interest in the property and there are no objections to the vacation. She stated that staff is recommending approval of the vacation subject to a full width utility easement being retained.

Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing. There being no comments, Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing.

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
PUBLIC ALLEY VACATION
RESOLUTION NO. R-44-21**

At a session of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, State of Michigan, attended remotely and held electronically from the City Council Chambers on March 22, 2021, at 7:30 o'clock P.M, with those present and absent being:

PRESENT: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND
STRICKFADEN

ABSENT: NONE

The following resolution was offered by Council Member Massey and supported by Council Member Boleware:

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Farmington Hills did on March 22, 2021, determine that it is advisable to vacate, discontinue or abolish the following public alley, located in the City of Farmington Hills, subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Farmington Hills:

Legal Description – See Exhibit A attached

WHEREAS, the Council has met and heard any and all objections to such vacation, discontinuance or abolition and having determined to proceed in accordance with the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 26, Article I, Section 26.4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the above captioned public alley is hereby vacated, discontinued or abolished.
2. That there is hereby reserved along, across and upon such vacated public alley, an easement for public or private utility purposes, the use and termination of which shall be subject to the approval of the Council of the City of Farmington Hills.
3. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file certified copies of this resolution with the Oakland County Register of Deeds and the Director of the State of Michigan, Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth, as required by statute.

AYES: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND
STRICKFADEN
NAYS: NONE
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

NEW BUSINESS

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE BROWNFIELD
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION.**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to appoint the following individuals to various City Boards and Commissions:

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Gary Mekjian	Length of Term: Unexpired term	Term ending: February 1, 2023
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Historic District Commission

Alexander Thomson	Length of Term: 3-years	Term ending: February 1, 2024
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Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND
STRICKFADEN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT JUDGMENTS FOR CONSUMERS
ENERGY COMPANY V CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, ET AL. CMR 3-21-27**

City Attorney Steve Joppich explained that there were two condemnation cases filed by Consumers Energy that required Consumers Energy to name any entities that may have an interest in the properties in question and since the city had public easements for the properties it was named in the case filings. He noted that the city has been working with Consumers Energy on the cases and has come to an agreement on the two consent judgments before City Council this evening. He explained that Consumers Energy would be able to continue with their lawsuits but if the consent judgements are approved, they would continue without the city being named as a party.

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves and authorizes the City Attorney to sign the Consent Judgments in the case of *Consumers Energy v Broadway Plaza Acquisitions, LLC, et al* and *Consumers Energy v Quadrangle Investments, LLC, et al*, Oakland County Circuit Court Case Nos. 2020-185071-CC and 2020-185063-CC.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STRICKFADEN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION CONTINUING AND EXTENDING DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.

Mayor Barnett mentioned the increase in COVID cases this week and the new strains of COVID in the state and considering this information she would like to extend the Local State of Emergency for the next 3 months. She added that City Council could rescind the resolution earlier if deemed appropriate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

RESOLUTION CONTINUING AND EXTENDING DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND GENERAL WELFARE (COVID-19)

RESOLUTION NO. R-47-21

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held electronically via Zoom in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, on the 22nd day of March 2021 at 7:30 p.m., with those present and absent being,

PRESENT: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STRICKFADEN,
ABSENT: NONE,

the following resolution was offered by Councilmember Bridges and supported by Councilmember Newlin:

PREAMBLE:

A. As recently as March 2, 2021 the Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) made the following findings:

“The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person. COVID-19 spreads through close human contact, even from individuals who may be asymptomatic.

On March 10, 2020, MDHHS identified the first two presumptive-positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan. As of March 1, 2021, Michigan had seen 589,150 confirmed cases and 15,534 confirmed deaths attributable to COVID-19. Michigan was one of the states most heavily impacted by COVID-19 early in the pandemic, with new cases

peaking at nearly 2,000 per day in late March. Strict preventative measures and the cooperation of Michiganders drove daily case numbers dramatically down to fewer than 200 confirmed cases per day in mid-June, greatly reducing the loss of life. Beginning in October, Michigan again experienced an exponential growth in cases. New cases peaked at nearly 10,000 cases per day in mid-November, followed by increases in COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths.

On November 15, 2020, MDHHS issued an order enacting protections to slow the high and rapidly increasing rate of spread of COVID-19. Cases, hospitalizations, and deaths remained high through early December, threatening hospital and public health capacity. On December 7, 2020, December 18, 2020, and January 13, 2021, MDHHS issued orders sustaining those protections. These orders played a crucial role in slowing the spread in Michigan and have brought new cases down to about 1,500 per day. These lower rates prevented Michigan's healthcare system from being overwhelmed with a holiday surge.

As of February 27, the State of Michigan had a seven-day average of 91.2 cases per million people, nearly 88% lower than the case rate in mid-November. While that case rate is similar to the rate in early October, it has plateaued over the past week and remains three times the rate of the summer low point.

Test positivity was 3.7% as of February 27, and has started to plateau as well. While metrics have decreased from all-time highs, further progress has tapered off and there is growing concern of another spike with the presence of more infectious variants in Michigan and the United States as a whole.

Even where COVID-19 does not result in death, and where Michigan's emergency and hospital systems are not heavily burdened, the disease can cause great harm. Recent estimates suggest that one in ten persons who suffer from COVID-19 will experience long-term symptoms, referred to as 'long COVID.' These symptoms, including fatigue, shortness of breath, joint pain, depression, and headache, can be disabling. They can last for months, and in some cases, arise unexpectedly in patients with few or no symptoms of COVID-19 at the time of diagnosis. COVID-19 has also been shown to damage the heart and kidneys. Furthermore, minority groups in Michigan have experienced a higher proportion of 'long COVID.'

The best way to prevent these complications is to prevent transmission of COVID-19. Since December 11, 2020, the Food and Drug Administration has granted emergency use authorization to three vaccines to prevent COVID-19, providing a path to end the pandemic. Michigan is now partaking in the largest mass vaccination effort in modern history and is presently working toward vaccinating at least 70% of Michigan residents 16 years of age and older as quickly as possible.

New and unexpected challenges continue to arise: in early December 2020, a variant of COVID-19 known as B.1.1.7 was detected in the United Kingdom. This variant is roughly 50 to 70 percent more infectious than the more common strain. On January 16, 2021, this variant was detected in Michigan. It is anticipated that the variant, if it becomes widespread in the state, will significantly increase the rate of new cases. Currently, Michigan is second in the nation with respect to the number of B.1.1.7 variants detected. To date, there are over 400 cases, and this is one fifth of all cases identified in

the United States. CDC modeling predicts B.1.1.7 could become the predominant variant by the end of March. At present, however, it appears that cases have plateaued.”

B. COVID-19, and the possible exposure to persons afflicted with it, continue to constitute a clear and present danger to the health, safety, and welfare of City personnel and persons doing business with or residing in the City. Federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations, including from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), have been issued in an effort to control the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic declared by the World Health Organization (WHO).

C. These federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations continue to include limiting capacity at public and private gatherings and requiring social distancing and face masks.

D. In accordance with the Emergency Management Act, Public Act 390 of 1976, the City’s Emergency Preparedness Ordinance, Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances, and pursuant to federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations, including but not limited to the Order of the MDHHS, the City of Farmington Hills’ Emergency Services Coordinator, Mayor and City Council have determined it necessary to declare a Local State of Emergency due to COVID-19 and authorize the Emergency Services Coordinator, City Manager, or Mayor, in conjunction with City Staff and Police and Fire Services, to act in accordance with the City of Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Plan and this Resolution.

E. The City Council has further determined that certain additional emergency measures and actions should be taken or authorized, as determined to be necessary by the Emergency Services Coordinator, City Manager, or Mayor in accordance with the City of Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Plan, this Resolution, and the March 2, 2021 Order of the MDHHS.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND DECLARED, under and pursuant to the authority contained at § 3 of the Home Rule Cities Act, MCL 117.3(j) authorizing cities to provide for the public health and safety of persons; §3 of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.263(2) permitting a public body to meet by electronic or telephonic means upon declaration of a local state of emergency or state of disaster if meeting in person would place at risk the personal health or safety of members of the public or members of the public body; the Emergency Management Act, Public Act 390 of 1976; the City’s Emergency Preparedness Ordinance, Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances; and federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations:

1. There continues to be a Local State of Emergency in the City due to COVID-19, on the basis of the federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations, including but not limited to the Order of the MDHHS.
2. The City of Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Plan shall continue to be implemented to ensure that local resources are to be used as needed and to the fullest extent possible.
3. The Emergency Services Coordinator, City Manager, or Mayor continue to be authorized to take appropriate measures, in his/her discretion, to respond to or protect City citizens, businesses, and personnel from the declared State of Emergency by adopting and enforcing all appropriate measures, including but not limited to:
 - a. Taking actions necessary to comply with federal, state, and county orders and directives that are binding on the City;

- b. Limiting, cancelling, or postponing City meetings and functions to those that are required by law or necessary to provide time-sensitive governmental services or decisions to residents and property owners; and
 - c. Cancelling, postponing, or establishing emergency rules for any public meeting of a City council, board, commission, or committee, and providing public notice and conducting City council, board, commission, and committee meetings electronically with remote attendance, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, as amended.
4. This Declaration shall remain in effect until the earlier of June 30, 2021 or a City Council determination that the Local State of Emergency no longer exists and terminates this Declaration.

AYES: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STRICKFADEN
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTENTIONS: NONE

CONSENT AGENDA
RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY (GLWA). CMR 3-21-28

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to sign the Settlement and Release Agreement between City of Farmington Hills and Great Lakes Water Authority.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STRICKFADEN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM FOR THE TUCK ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT. CMR 3-21-29

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
RESOLUTION FOR MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM GRANT FOR TUCK ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. R-49-21

At a session of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, State of Michigan, attended remotely and held electronically from the City Council Chambers on March 22, 2021, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., with those present and absent being:

PRESENT: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STRICKFADEN
ABSENT: NONE

The following resolution was offered by Council Member Knol and supported by Council Member Massey:

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills is preparing a Local Bridge Program Grant for replacement of the Tuck Road Bridge over the Rouge River,

WHEREAS, Michigan Department of Transportation, Local Bridge funds are available to offset up to 95 of the cost of construction for local agencies bridges,

WHEREAS, the condition of the Tuck Road bridge warrants replacement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Farmington Hills City Council is hereby in support of the Local Bridge application submittal by the City of Farmington Hills for the purpose of obtaining a Michigan Department of Transportation, Local Bridge Program grant for replacement of the Tuck Road Bridge over the Rouge River for the year 2024.

AYES: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, MASSEY, KNOL, NEWLIN AND STRICKFADEN

NAYS: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE PARK HILL BOULEVARD GRAVEL ROAD CONVERSION PROJECT TO ARTISAN CONTRACTING, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,094,329.50. CMR 3-21-30

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Park Hill Boulevard Paving Project be awarded to the lowest competent bidder, Artisan Contracting, LLC, in the amount of \$1,094,329.50; and

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE HERITAGE HILLS AND WEDGWOOD COMMONS SUBDIVISION ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM, PHASE I TO FONSON COMPANY, INC. FOR THE CONCRETE ALTERNATE B IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,407,400.85. CMR 3-21-31

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Heritage Hills and Wedgwood Commons Subdivision Road Rehabilitation Program, Phase I be awarded to Fonson Company, Inc., for the Concrete Alternate B in the amount of \$3,407,400.85; and

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

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STRICKFADEN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR BUILDING COMPLETION, DEMOLITION AND SITE CLEAN-UP OF 26760-26770 ORCHARD LAKE ROAD TO THE ADAMS GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,912. CMR 3-21-32

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for the Building Completion, Demolition and Site Clean-up of 26760-26770 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, MI to The Adams Group in the amount of \$56,912 (\$51,712 Base Bid + \$5,200 Contingency).

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STRICKFADEN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DPW JANITORIAL SERVICES TO VETERAN'S CLEANING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,580; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 3-21-33

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to sign a contract with Veteran's Cleaning in the amount of \$20,580 with possible extensions for DPW Janitorial Services.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STRICKFADEN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2021.

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council study session meeting minutes of March 8, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND
STRICKFADEN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING
MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2021.**

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council regular session meeting minutes of March 8, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND
STRICKFADEN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

CLOSED SESSION

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS
PENDING LITIGATION REGARDING CHARLES BLACKWELL V CITY OF FARMINGTON
HILLS (NOTE: COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE CLOSED SESSION).**

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering into a closed session to discuss pending litigation regarding *Charles Blackwell v City of Farmington Hills*.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND
STRICKFADEN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council entered back into open session at 8:53pm (the open session was again aired on YouTube and the public meeting was unlocked)

Mayor Barnett announced that City Council was back in open session and live streaming on YouTube and took a pause of approximately 5 minutes to allow the public to sign back into the open session if they were not already in the meeting.

MOTION by Knol, support by Strickfaden, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Attorney to proceed in the manner recommended by the City Attorney in closed session in the matter of *Charles Blackwell vs City of Farmington Hills*.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STRICKFADEN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Massey, support by Strickfaden, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 8:59pm.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY, NEWLIN AND STRICKFADEN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk