

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
JANUARY 11, 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, Director Lasley, Interim Fire Chief Panoushek, Police Chief Nebus and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge Brady and Judge Parker led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Bridges, support by Lerner, to approve as published.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

47TH DISTRICT COURT UPDATE

Dave Walsh, Court Administrator, explained that the 47th District Court has jurisdiction over various case types that arise in the Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, including criminal felonies and misdemeanors, general civil lawsuits, landlord-tenant disputes, traffic and zoning infractions and small claims lawsuits. He stated that the Court's mission is to provide a safe, neutral and impartial forum for peaceful resolutions of public and private disputes. Mr. Walsh noted that according to the public satisfaction survey conducted each year, the Court is doing a great job and exceeds the statewide average. He stated that he is proud of the statistics and that they continue to be a high-performing court.

Mr. Walsh reviewed the funding formula that was developed by both communities and reviewed the sources of court funding and distribution of revenue. He also reviewed the caseload statistics and mentioned the projects and programs conducted by the court including the collection of delinquent fines of which he credits Deputy Court Administrator Stacey Parke for starting that project, the Community Work Program that saves the cities approximately \$200,000 per year in labor and supervisory costs and the Sobriety Court.

Judge Marla Parker spoke about the success of the Sobriety Court and how that program helps to hold people accountable for their actions and get them involved in treatment.

Mr. Walsh added that he included information for Council on the financial make-up of a traffic ticket per Council's request.

Councilmember Bridges thanked Judge Parker for her commitment to the Sobriety Court. He questioned if the 47th District Court was the only court that had the program to collect on delinquent fines.

Mr. Walsh responded that the 47th District Court was the first to put this program into place, but Deputy Administrator Parke and Judge Parker have been speaking on this program around the state and other communities have now modeled a program after this one.

Councilmember Bridges questioned why there seemed to be a significant reduction in traffic tickets. Mr. Walsh stated that this is not exclusive to Farmington Hills but is the same around the State. He added that the Police Chief could probably better answer that for Farmington Hills, but it could simply mean that people are driving safer.

Councilmember Lerner commented that the Police Department is charged with keeping the city safe with fewer officers on the road. He added that the court is not supposed to be a revenue-making entity and he feels the Police Department and the Court is doing an excellent job.

Mr. Walsh echoed that he feels the Police Department does an outstanding job for the community and that the Court's relationship with the Police Department and Farmington Public Safety is as good as it gets. He is proud to have the Farmington Hills Police Department keeping his family safe.

PRESENTATION FROM AMERICAN RED CROSS DONOR REPRESENTATIVE, GERRY ABEJURO, REGARDING THE UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE AT THE WILLIAM COSTICK CENTER ON JANUARY 14, 2016

Mr. Abejuro mentioned the blood drive that is scheduled for January 14, 2016 at the Costick Center. He stated that as of this morning, the Red Cross is on urgent appeal as they are down approximately 50,000 pints throughout the country. He noted that the goal for Thursday's blood drive is 60 pints of blood. Mr. Abejuro added that he has served his hometown area for the past 2 ½ years but will be transferring to Washtenaw County. He introduced the new representative for the Farmington Hills area, Trudy Smith.

Mr. Abejuro explained that people can register to donate blood on-line and also use a new system Rapid Pass that allows people to privately answer the questions required on-line and print those off prior to showing up to donate blood.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION "TIP OF THE MONTH"

The following Tip of the Month was read by Emergency Preparedness Commission Chairperson Kerry Jackson:

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
TIP OF THE MONTH
JANUARY 2016**

One reason we present a "Tip of the Month" is that in the event of a widespread disaster, our community's first responders, such as Fire and Police, cannot be everywhere at the same time. This month's tip is about the need for emergency kits. These have been called, "ready kits", "72 hour kits" and "go-packs". There may be a time when Farmington Hills residents will need to take care of their own needs, for a few days or even weeks, after a major disaster. A core element of the ability to care for one's own needs are Emergency Supply Kits. Individual residents should prepare kits for the Home and Car for exactly this purpose.

Your home emergency supply kit should contain enough food, water, medicines, clothes and other supplies to sustain you and your family for three days, or 72 hours. It should be packed and easy to carry should you need to evacuate your home or in the event of a widespread community emergency.

Your car emergency supply kit should contain first aid supplies, a flashlight, emergency blankets, and high-energy snack food.

Note that these kits must be updated periodically. Our weather changes and clothing packed in a kit in the Summer may not be appropriate for Winter. Likewise, some supplies may have to be replaced due to expiration dates.

The Emergency Preparedness Commission strongly encourages all families to take the initiative to put together emergency kits for their home and car. Our entire civilian preparedness effort is founded on the idea that people can be prepared to take care of themselves for up to three days, or until help arrives, and this preparation will significantly reduce fear and suffering should a widespread disaster occur.

For more information regarding what your preparedness kit should contain, visit the EPC webpage, www.FHReady.com.

Mayor Massey acknowledged County Commissioner Gershenson and invited her up to speak.

Commissioner Gershenson announced that the Buick Achievers Scholarship Program, funded by the GM Foundation, is offering up to \$25,000/year for the first 50 first-time freshman or existing college students. Applicants must be high school seniors or graduates or current post-secondary undergraduates and they must be enrolled full-time in undergraduate study at an accredited 4-year college for the 2016-17 academic year and plan to major in Engineering or Technology and demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in automotive or related industries. Applications are due February 29, 2016 and more information can be obtained at buickachievers@scholarshipamerica.org

Mayor Massey acknowledged State Representative Christine Greig.

Representative Greig thanked the Council for including the I-275 project on their study session agenda as she is a resident of that area. She provided an update to Council on SB 13 that proposed to eliminate the Straight Party ticket on the ballot in even year November Elections and SB 571 that initially had to do with campaign finance issues and at the last minute included a gag order prohibiting local entities to discuss ballot proposals. She noted that both Bills were signed the Governor; however, another Bill clarifying SB 571 is expected and was suggested by the Governor.

Representative Greig noted that legislative priorities for 2016 included Energy Bills and No-Fault Insurance for the House and the Senate priorities include the Detroit Public School System debt and governance and Energy package.

She stated that she and County Commissioner Gershenson attended a meeting at the U.S. Immigration Center in Dearborn at which there was a program called welcomingmichigan.org. They are seeking cities that want to be a part of the program and designated as a welcoming city and she feels this would be a good opportunity for Farmington Hills.

Representative Greig mentioned that they hosted Asian-American caucus members to their District, which is a bi-partisan Caucus of Senate and House members working to be more inclusive with the Asian-American community in business and participation in government.

She also noted that she is working with the sponsor of a Telecommunications Bill with the goal that costs will not shift to local communities for relocation.

Councilmember Rich thanked Representative Greig for her dedication to the community.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Massey acknowledged correspondence from a company Minacs notifying the city of lay-offs and correspondence regarding the I-275 MDOT Project.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Steckloff, regarding Item #10, inquired about the process and agreement for the Mobile Data Computers since they are waiving formal bid requirements.

Director Lasley explained that the City is required to purchase the product that is supported by CLEMIS and because it is a sole source purchase, there was no reason to bid it out and made more sense to gain the benefits of a group contract.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There were no public questions or comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Steckloff mentioned that her last chemo treatment for her cancer was December 31, 2015. She thanked everyone for their continued support, particularly her family, boyfriend and Beaumont Healthcare Systems.

Councilmember Lerner provided an update on the Good Fellows Program and services provided over the holidays.

Councilmember Rich mentioned that she met with all City Departments to better understand the services provided and she also participated in a couple of ride-a-longs with the Police and Fire Departments. She commented on how amazing the staff was from both Departments interacting with citizens and stated that she is proud to be able to serve them as a member of Council.

Mayor Massey mentioned that the Georgetown Energy Prize 2nd year Kickoff is scheduled for January 17th from 3-5pm at the Costick Center and the State of the Cities address will be held February 17th starting at 7:30am at the Costick Center. He also provided an update on the upcoming Election scheduled for March 8, 2016 noting that it is closed Primary where voters must select their party ballot type in writing in order to obtain a ballot and that February 8th is the deadline to register to be eligible to vote in that Election.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Boyer mentioned the following:

- Martine Luther King Celebration is scheduled for Monday, January 18th from 9-4pm
- The Blood Drive mentioned earlier will be held at the Costick Center from 8am-7:45pm

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) 2015 PROGRAM FOR HOSE AND APPLIANCE REPLACEMENT. CMR 1-16-01

Interim Fire Chief Panoushek explained that the Fire Department is seeking authorization to apply for two grants that would allow the Department to replace fire hose and appliance equipment and extrication equipment. He noted that there would be a 10% match required from the City, which would total \$2,919 for the hose and appliance and \$2,700 for the extrication equipment.

Mayor Massey requested that a separate motion is made for each grant application requested.

Councilmember Bruce inquired when the Department would know if they were successful in obtaining the grants; and if they don't receive the grant money, how the equipment would be replaced.

Interim Chief Panoushek responded that they should hear on both grants by June or July of this year and grants are typically awarded based on priority. He stated that they would have to budget for replacement equipment in the upcoming budget if the grants are not received.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Fire Department to submit a grant application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for hose and appliance replacement ; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fire Chief be authorized to appropriate funds from the Fire Department's budget for this program should the Fire Department be successful with their grant application.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) 2015 PROGRAM FOR EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT. CMR 1-16-02

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Fire Department to submit a grant application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for replacement of extrication equipment; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fire Chief be authorized to appropriate funds from the Fire Department's budget for this program should the Fire Department be successful with their grant application.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR AS NEEDED FILE CONVERSION AND RELATED SERVICES TO FUTURENET PARTNERING WITH INNOVATIVE PROCESSING, LLC IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000 PER YEAR FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSION. CMR 1-16-03

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for all budgeted expenses for as needed file conversion and related services to FutureNet partnering with Innovative Processing, LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000.00 per year for a period of three (3) years and to renew for an additional three (3) years under the same terms and conditions upon mutual consent by the City and vendor.

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 Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the following requests for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Code:

Liane Kufchock as a Lifeguard for the Department of Special Services. Liane Kufchock is the mother of Lilah Kole, a Lifeguard in the Special Services Department.

Jon Unruh as Fire Chief for the Fire Department. Jon Unruh is the husband of Bonnie Unruh who is a Lieutenant in the Police 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 RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION FOR SPECIAL ONE-DAY LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE SPECIAL SERVICES ADULTS 50 & BETTER DIVISION'S BARN DANCE FEBRUARY 26, 2016, THE FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION'S ANNUAL ARTS AWARDS APRIL 15, 2016 AND THE SPECIAL SERVICES ADULTS 50 & BETTER DIVISION'S CONCERT IN THE COURTYARD AUGUST 9, 2016. CMR 1-16-04

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Special Services Department staff to submit an application for Special One-Day Licenses for the Special Services Adults 50 & Better Division's Barn Dance on February 26,

2016; an application for the Farmington Area Arts Commission's Annual Arts Award on April 15, 2016; and an application for the Special Services Adults 50 & Better Division's Concert in the Courtyard on August 9, 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 THE PURCHASE OF MOBILE DATA COMPUTERS THROUGH DELL FOR 13 LATITUDE 14 RUGGED NOTEBOOKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,034.73; AND TO WAIVE THE FORMAL BID REQUIREMENTS. CMR 1-16-05

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby waives the formal bid requirements and authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Dell for 13 Latitude 14 Rugged Notebooks in the amount of \$32,034.73.

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 COOPERATIVE BID FOR HEAVY DUTY TRUCK PARTS TO KIRK'S AUTOMOTIVE IN AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$20,000.00 FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSION. CMR 1-16-06

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue purchase orders annually for heavy duty truck parts to Kirk's Automotive in an estimated annual amount of \$20,000.00 per a period of three (3) years and for an additional two (2) year term under the same terms and conditions upon mutual consent of the City and vendor.

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 PURCHASE OF VEHICLES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH GORNO FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,848.00. CMR 1-16-07

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Gorno Ford in the amount of \$53,848.00 for vehicles for the Fire 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 DECEMBER 14, 2015.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of December 14, 2015 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 DECEMBER 14, 2015.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of December 14, 2015 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

The City Attorney Report was received by Council with no questions.

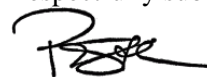
TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Massey mentioned potential topics for the next regular City Council meeting of January 25, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Massey adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk