

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
APRIL 23, 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 7:30 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, Directors Barr, Gardiner, Monico and Schnackel, Fire Chief Unruh and City Attorney Joppich

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Michael Sweeney, resident and former Board/Commission Member, led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Knol, support by Steckloff, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**SUSTAINABLE FARMINGTON HILLS TIP OF THE MONTH**

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

**Sustainable Farmington Hills  
Tip of the Month  
April 2018**

Spring has finally arrived! Below are some tips to help you be more sustainable when spring cleaning:

- 1) Buy products that are labeled biodegradable, eco-friendly, or non-toxic. They are better for the environment and safer for your family to be around.
- 1) Don't throw away your old and worn t-shirts, jeans, or towels. Create reusable cloths for your spring cleaning and daily household chores. By doing this you can reuse them as many times as needed.
- 2) Hang dry your clothing. Drying your clothes in an electric or gas dryer is hard on the environment. Use a drying rack or hangers in your home to dry clothing. Hang drying your clothes helps to reduce pollution, while also cutting your energy bill.

For more information on how to be more sustainable go to [www.sustainablefh.com](http://www.sustainablefh.com)

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2018 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Bridges and accepted by Staff Planner, Charmain Kettler-Schmult:

**PROCLAMATION  
Fair Housing Month  
April 2018**

- WHEREAS,** April 2018 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Federal Fair Housing Law under the Civil Rights Act; and
- WHEREAS,** this landmark law, along with other Federal and State legislation, broadens access to housing regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, national origin, and familial or marital status; and
- WHEREAS,** Fair Housing Month is designed to heighten people's awareness of their rights under the law when pursuing the purchase or rental of housing; and
- WHEREAS,** all citizens are entitled to freedom of choice in the selection of housing and are guaranteed certain protections under the law if they are victims of discrimination; and
- WHEREAS,** economic stability, community health, and human relations are improved by diversity and integration in all communities.

**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 April 2018 as **Fair Housing Month** and encourage all agencies, institutions, and individuals, public and private, to abide by the letter and the spirit of the Fair Housing Law and to renew their commitment to ensuring that Farmington Hills is an inclusive community.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MICHAEL SWEENEY FOR EXEMPLARY VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

The following Proclamation was read by Mayor Massey and accepted by Michael Sweeney:

**PROCLAMATION  
Michael J. Sweeney  
*In Recognition of Exemplary Volunteer Service to Farmington Hills***

- WHEREAS,** over fifteen years ago, Michael Sweeney was instrumental in founding the Farmington Hills Citizen Corps Council for Emergency Preparedness, served as its first Chairperson, and was largely responsible for the CCCEP being honored by the Department of Homeland Security as the 2005 and 2010 Citizen Corps Council of the Year for the State of Michigan; and
- WHEREAS,** his tireless promotion of the need for emergency preparedness substantially raised citizen awareness and helped Farmington Hills become one of the most prepared cities in the nation and also resulted in the CCCEP being honored by FEMA as the 2009 National Citizen Corps Council of the Year; and
- WHEREAS,** Mike has a long-standing commitment to volunteer community service including serving for eight years on the Farmington Hills Planning Commission and the Hazardous Materials Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS,** under his leadership, the CCCEP distributed more than 23,500 copies of the *Emergency Preparedness Handbook*, produced a series of cable television shows on preparedness topics, conducted first aid awareness and self-defense classes, and participated in two large-scale disaster training exercises; and

**WHEREAS,** Mike was nominated by his fellow volunteers in the CCCEP for the 2006 Governor's Service Award for Exemplary Volunteer Service and the 2009 Michigan Citizen Corps Coordinator of the Year; and

**WHEREAS,** by hosting eighteen Women's Self-Defense Classes that have trained over 1,500 women and raised over \$15,000 in donations for HAVEN, Mike has had a far-reaching and important impact on our community.

**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 and thank **Michael J. Sweeney** for his dedication to community service and for his significant role in enhancing the quality of life for all citizens in Farmington Hills.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence acknowledged.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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**

Faye Schuett, Cass Avenue, suggested that changes are made to the board and commission appointment process for Farmington Hills.

Camilla Liebold, Vice-President of the Library Board of Trustees, commented on the divisiveness of the current Library Board that she felt was created by the Mayor and Council and her concern with the appointment process. Vice-President Liebold announced her resignation and submitted her resignation letter to Mayor Massey.

Joan McRoberts, President of Farmington Public Schools Transportation, presented Mayor Massey with a donation to Farmington SAFE on behalf of the bus drivers of Farmington Public Schools.

Elyse Streit, Director of the Library Board, read a letter from Suzanne Paul, Farmington resident, who has also resigned from the Library Board of Trustees.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Rich made the following comments:

- Thanked the Library Board of Trustees for their service although she is saddened by the resignations

- Congratulated the City on a successful Earth Day Celebration
- Thanked staff member Charmain Kettler-Schmult for answering her questions regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program
- Announced her appointment to the SEMCOG Workforce Development Task Force

Councilmember Lerner made the following comments:

- Mentioned the 8 Mile Road Boulevard Association event
- Acknowledged various staff members' efforts in the Earth Day Celebration
- Thanked Bosch and Panasonic for funding a new park trail

### **CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

City Manager Boyer made the following announcements:

- The City received a \$45,000 grant from Bosch for the City's Stem Program
- Team Farmington Special Olympics Bowl-a-thon was held this past Saturday
- Road Construction projects are to begin early May and a map is on the website showing all planned 2018 state, county and city major road projects

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 2018/2019 PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS. CMR 4-18-31**

Charmaine Kettler-Schmult, Staff Planner, explained the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2018/19 projected use of funds and provided an example of how the housing rehabilitation program has helped one recipient. She discussed projected amounts for the program and expenditure categories.

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

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2018/2019 budget to include: 1) \$268,828 for Housing Rehabilitation, 2) \$15,500 for Public Service Organizations, and 3) \$55,590 for program administration; and in the event federal funding is reduced by no more than 20%, the Public Service Organizations will still be fully funded; and

FURTHER, authorizes the City Manager to prepare and submit an application for Community Development Block Grant funds to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development within sixty days of the date allocations are announced but no later than August 16, 2018.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION MILLAGE. CMR 4-18-32**

Ellen Schnackel, Director of Special Services, explained that the original Parks and Recreation millage was approved in 1986. The current millage expires in June, 2019, and staff is recommending approval of the proposed Charter Amendment ballot language approving a 10 year renewal to be placed on the August 7, 2018 ballot.

Director Schnackel presented a power point illustrating how millage funds have been used and how future funding would be utilized and outlined annual estimated costs for the residents if the millage renewal was approved.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, to adopt the resolution approving a Charter Amendment for the renewal of the Parks and Recreation millage.

Councilmember Bruce stated that he will not support the motion as he feels the City should be approving language asking for a higher millage rate and that the millage as proposed would not fully fund the maintenance of services and facilities needed and would undercut the special services programs.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

**RESOLUTION REGARDING CHARTER AMENDMENT  
FOR PARKS AND RECREATION MILLAGE**

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held in the City Council Chambers on April 23, 2018, 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 Bridges:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7.02.A. of the City Charter, the Charter Tax Rate Limit may be increased by Charter Amendment approved by a majority vote of the electors of the City voting at a regular election or special election called for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, such Charter Amendment may be made for a specially designated purpose, providing that each specially designated purpose shall consist of a separate ballot question stating the nature of such purpose and the amount of ad valorem tax to be raised to fund such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the voters previously approved a Charter Amendment on August 5, 2008, amending the City Charter Tax Rate Limits to continue to provide a special tax rate in the amount of 0.4882 mills for the special purposes of parks and recreation facilities and program projects, which special tax rate is currently set to expire on June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, such Charter Amendment is incorporated as Section 7.02a of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, considering the City's current and forecasted fiscal circumstances, and in an effort to continue to provide the current level of parks and recreation facilities and program services, the City Council has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to submit a proposal to the voters for a renewal and continuation of this additional tax rate for the special purpose of the parks and recreation facilities and programs, at the special election to be held on August 7, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills as follows:

- 1) The following proposition shall be submitted to the electors of the City at the special election to be held in the City on August 7, 2018:

**CHARTER AMENDMENT  
PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND PROGRAM PROJECTS**

Shall Section 7.02a of the Farmington Hills City Charter be amended to allow a renewal and continuation of the previous voter-approved additional special tax rate for parks and recreation facilities and program projects by authorizing the City to levy a millage in the amount of 0.4781 mills (being approximately 48 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the City) for a period of ten years, starting with the July 2019 levy and resulting in the authorization to collect an estimated \$1,573,000 in the first year if approved and levied for such purposes?

- 2) Upon adoption of the proposed amendment, Section 7.02a "Special Tax Rate for Parks and Recreation Facilities and Program Projects" of the City Charter would be amended to read as follows:

**Section 7.02a. Special Tax Rate for Parks and Recreation Facilities and Program Projects.**

In addition to the Charter Tax Limit stated in Section 7.02 and the Special Tax Rates stated in Sections 7.02c, 7.02d and 7.02e, starting with the July 2019 levy, the City may levy an annual ad valorem tax not exceeding .04781% (0.4781 mills) of the state equalized value of all real and personal property subject to taxation in the City. The levy shall be used only for purposes of parks and recreation facilities and program projects within the City. This section shall be effective for a period of ten (10) years commencing July 1, 2019, and expiring on June 30, 2029.

- 3) The City Clerk is hereby directed to do all things necessary to provide for the submission of the aforesaid proposition to the electors at the election on August 7, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED 6-1.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

Mayor Massey commented that the proposed Broadband Committee is an advisory group being formed for a limited time period. He suggested amending the proposed appointment list for the Community Health Committee to remove GERALYN DEBOARD and CAROLINE SCHAIERER at this time until qualifications can be confirmed.

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

**Housing Rehabilitation Loan Board**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Dr. Samuel Ramsey III	Filling Vacancy	February 1, 2020

**Commission on Community Health**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Dr. Ed Nieshoff	1 year term	February 1, 2019
Dr. Andrea Anderson	1 year term	February 1, 2019
Joshua Erdei	2 year term	February 1, 2020
Renee Murphy	2 year term	February 1, 2020
Eunice Jeffries	3 year term	February 1, 2021

**Broadband Committee**

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Jeff Weiner	1 year term	February 1, 2019
Aaron Paluzzi	1 year term	February 1, 2019
Christian Rummell	1 year term	February 1, 2019
Dan Paulson	1 year term	February 1, 2019

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR ROCK SALT TO DETROIT SALT COMPANY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 6,500 TONS OR \$332,410 FOR FY 2018/19 AND IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF 6,500 TONS OR \$342,355 FOR FY 2019/20; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 4-18-33**

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Detroit Salt Company for a not to exceed total amount of 6,500 tons or \$332,410 for fiscal year 2018/19 and for an estimated amount of 6,500 tons or \$342,355 for fiscal year 2019/20; and authorizes the City Manager to issue purchase orders for rock salt to Detroit Salt Company for three (3) additional one year extensions at the approved 3% per year increase upon mutual consent between the City and Detroit Salt Company.

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 A LARGE DIAMETER SUPPLY HOSE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH FIRE EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,575.75. CMR 4-18-34**

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Fire Equipment Associated for a large diameter supply hose in the amount of \$45,575.75.

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 AS-NEEDED ASPHALT MATERIALS FOR DPW ROAD MAINTENANCE TO AJAX MATERIALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000 FOR AS-NEEDED COLD PATCH MATERIALS, TO CADILLAC ASPHALT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 FOR AS-NEEDED HOT MIX ASPHALT MATERIALS AND AJAX MATERIALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FOR SECONDARY AS-NEEDED SUPPLY OF HOT MIX ASPHALT MATERIALS. CMR 4-18-35**

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue purchase orders to Ajax Materials for the amount of \$80,000 for the as-needed purchase or cold patch material, to Cadillac Asphalt for the amount of \$40,000 for the primary as-needed supply of hot mix asphalt materials, and Ajax Materials for the amount of \$20,000 for the secondary as-needed supply of hot mix asphalt materials.

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 2018 MOSQUITO CONTROL BRIQUETTES TO CLARKE MOSQUITO CONTROL IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000, AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF ELIGIBLE MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITIES UNDER OAKLAND COUNTY'S 2018 WEST NILE VIRUS PROGRAM. CMR 4-18-36**

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a purchase order to Clarke Mosquito Control for the purchase of larvicide briquettes in



the amount not to exceed \$15,000; and adopts a resolution authorizing reimbursement of eligible mosquito control activities under Oakland County's 2018 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.

**\*\*\*INSERT RESOLUTION\*\***

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR DPW GARAGE MAKE-UP AIR UNIT (MAU) REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT TO PROFESSIONAL THERMAL SYSTEMS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$65,000. CMR 4-18-37**

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve a purchase order to Professional Thermal Systems, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$65,000 for the removal and replacement of the DPW Garage Make-Up Air Unit.

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

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Code for Alexander Krueger as Engineering College Intern in the Public Services Department. Alexander Krueger is the step-son of Matt Malone, GIS Coordinator in the Central Services Department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT REPORTS.**

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby acknowledges the quarterly investment and financial reports.

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 APRIL 9, 2018.**

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of April 9, 2018 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 APRIL 9, 2018.**

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of April 9, 2018 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Massey adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk