

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
JUNE 22, 2015 – 7:30PM
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Brickner at 7:37p.m.

Council Members Present: Brickner, Bridges, Knol, Lerner, Massey and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: Bruce

Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Boyer, Directors Lasley, Mekjian and Randle and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Carl Christoph, Commission on Aging, led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

COMMISSION FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY “TIP OF THE MONTH”

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

Commission for Energy and Environmental Sustainability
Tip of the Month

Bill Buster is the community's new energy saving hero. He's busting bills and taking names! He's recruiting residents of Farmington Hills and Farmington to join him on his quest to prove that this community has what it takes to be a leader in energy savings and energy efficiency innovations.

For the next six months, Bill Buster is seeking to reward residents for being a part of the action.

Don't let him down, JOIN THE FIGHT!

Each month from June through November, Bill Buster will be encouraging you to become more aware of your energy use. At the end of each month, there will be a drawing that will award six residents for busting their bills open and taking a look at how their energy use for the previous month (i.e. May 2015) compares to their energy use from the same month, from the previous year (i.e. May 2014).

For more information on how to enter, go to www.sustainablefh.com.

You don't have to save energy to win! The goal is to get residents thinking about energy use and building a consciousness of it. The more aware we are of our habits and the effect they have on energy use within our lives, the more adept we will be at monitoring and reducing that use.

In the end, everyone wins because saving energy is saving money. We've challenged you to imagine what we could do with \$5 Million, but what will you do with the money you save on your energy bill?

Let us know how you saved and put your energy where it counts on Twitter @FHFEnergyPrize or on our Facebook page Farmington Hills/Farmington Energy Prize.

PRESENTATION OF BI-ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION ON AGING

Carl Christoph presented the bi-annual report of the Commission on Aging.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

- Difficulty with use of recycling bins in condominium complexes. City Manager Brock stated that he would contact Waste Management to address the concerns.
- Concern over the increase in heroin overdoses
- Complaint with regard to natural vegetation with the median of Northwestern Highway. It was suggested that if this area was to remain natural to plant materials that would attract butterflies.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Manager Brock thanked the voters as many of the items being considered under the consent agenda this evening would not have happened without the passing of the road millage last November.

Councilmember Lerner expressed concern with one of the contractors and the condition in which they left a previous job. He stated that he expects the roadways to be left in a condition that would allow residents to drive through and would like this matter addressed.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRUCE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There were no public questions or comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following was acknowledged by Council:

- Welcomed a new business, Ortho Orthopedics
- Announced that the annual pie-eating contest would be taking place on July 16th as part of the Founders Day Festival activities.

Councilmember Steckloff addressed her announcement regarding her diagnosis of breast cancer and thanked all of those people who have reached out to her in support. By going public she wanted to make young women aware that this can happen at any age and to urge them to be diligent about doing self breast exams as early detection can save their life. She stated that she is a fighter and will survive this disease.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Brock provided an update on the following:

- The City has obtained an abandoned goat and he has been named Pilot in light of this pilot program to use goats to eat invasive species in areas around the city.
- Place Planning meeting
- Website redesign
- Founders Festival activities
- 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road construction

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-6-2015 TO AMEND CHAPTER 12, "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION," OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-15 PERTAINING TO REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL SMOKE ALARMS AND TO ADOPT THE 2012 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12-36, 12-37, 12-38 AND 12-39 RELATED THERETO; AND APPROVAL OF SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of ordinance C-6-2015 to amend Chapter 12, "Fire Prevention and Protection," of the City of Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances, to amend Sections 12-15 pertaining to regulations for residential smoke alarms and to adopt the 2012 edition of the International Fire Code by amending Sections 12-36, 12-37, 12-38 and 12-39 related thereto; and approval of summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 33, "WATER AND SEWER," ARTICLE VIII, "RATE AND CHARGES," DIVISION 4, "WATER CHARGES," TO AMEND SECTION 33-283 TO DELETE REFERENCE TO OUTDATED COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. R-15-82 ADOPTING CAPITAL CHARGES

Karen Mondora, Assistant Director of Public Services, explained that the proposed ordinance was proposed in order to clean up a reference to an outdated Resolution. The City Attorney's Office assisted with the preparation of the ordinance as presented.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an ordinance to amend Chapter 33, "Water and Sewer," Article VIII, "Rate and Charges," Division 4, "Water Charges," to amend Section 33-283 to delete reference to outdated Council Resolution No. R-15-82 Adopting Capital Charges.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE

Absent: BRUCE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR EXTERIOR LIGHTING UPGRADES TO RETROTECH SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$191,480.26; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 6-15-62

Director Lasley stated that the proposed award of bid is to replace exterior lighting with LED lighting at the Police Department and Fire Station #1. The intent is to eventually replace the exterior lighting at all of the buildings. He noted that the savings is estimated at \$28,000 per year with a 7-year payback and improved lighting.

Councilmember Bridges inquired about residential lighting in neighborhoods. City Manager Brock responded that subdivision street lighting is primarily the responsibility of the Homeowner's Association and is handled through an agreement with the City but paid for by the subdivision.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for Exterior Lighting Upgrades to Retrotech Systems in the base bid amount of \$191,480.26; and authorizes the City Manager to issue purchase orders for any budgeted exterior lighting upgrades for a period of one year with optional renewal for two (2) additional years, under the same terms and conditions, through mutual consent by the City of Farmington Hills and Retrotech Systems.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT AN ACTING CITY MANAGER

Attorney Joppich explained that the City Charter calls for the appointment of an Acting City Manager in the City Manager's absence and in light of Mr. Brock's pending retirement, the City will soon be without a City Manager. He noted that this issue as well as the selection process for a new City Manager was discussed in study session meetings. The Resolution before City Council was drafted to appoint Assistant City Manager Dave Boyer as Acting City Manager for this purpose.

MOTION by Massey, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. R-103-15

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 the 22nd day of June, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., with those present and absent being,

PRESENT: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
ABSENT: BRUCE

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Massey and supported by Councilperson Lerner:

WHEREAS, the present City Manager, Steve Brock, has tendered a written notice of his retirement and resignation; and

WHEREAS, 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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that David Boyer is designated to serve as the Acting City Manager.

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED 6-0

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF JOB DESCRIPTION AND SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE CITY MANAGER POSITION

Mayor Brickner explained that this issue was previously discussed at the study session meeting. He stated that Human Resources Director Randle has prepared a job description mainly based on the duties outlined by the City Charter and Attorney Joppich prepared an outlined for the selection process to post the job and accept applications through the City's Human Resources Department.

Councilmember Knol suggested that any consideration of the selection process include changing the deadline for posting of the job to no less than 21 days rather than 14 days and to be extended to the Friday of that 3rd week.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the job description and selection process for the City Manager position, with an amendment to the selection process for the position to be posted for no less than 21 days rather than 14 days.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ENTERING INTO A TRI-PARTY COST PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY AND THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND FOR PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY'S CURRENT CONCRETE AND ASPHALT CONTRACTORS TO COMPLETE THE WORK. CMR 6-15-63

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the necessary Tri-Party Cost Participation Agreements with the Road Commission for Oakland County and the County of Oakland for the 12 Mile Road and Orchard Lake/Bristol Lane projects and that the City Manager and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the agreements on behalf of the City; and further authorizes the City's current concrete and asphalt contractors to exceed their current contract amount, as determined by the City's Department of Public Services, to complete the work included in this agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

RECOMMENDED AUTHORIZATION OF REIMBURSEMENT TO THE CITY OF NOVI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,500 FOR THE CITY'S COST PARTICIPATION FOR THE HAGGERTY ROAD WIDENING PROJECT. CMR 6-15-64

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes payment to the City of Novi, in the amount of \$18,500 for its cost participation of the Haggerty Road Widening Project.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRUCE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2015 HOT MIX ASPHALT (HMA) ROAD PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROGRAM TO CADILLAC ASPHALT, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$609,147.15. CMR 6-15-65

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to sign the contract with Cadillac Asphalt, LLC for the 2015 Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Road Pavement Rehabilitation Program in the amount of \$609,147.15.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRUCE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2015

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of June 8, 2015 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRUCE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2015.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of June 8, 2015 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL STUDY SESSION MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2015.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the special study session meeting minutes of June 15, 2015 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Brickner mentioned potential topics for the next regular City Council meeting of July 13, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brickner adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:30p.m.

THE CITY COUNCIL RECONVENED THE STUDY SESSION MEETING AT 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk