

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2020 – 7:30 PM

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was held electronically and called to order by Mayor Barnett at 7:33pm.

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

Council Members Absent: None (one vacancy)

Others Present: Acting City Manager Mekjian, City Clerk Smith, Directors Gardiner, Mondora, Monico, Randle and Schnackel, 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 Newlin, to approve the agenda as published.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO MAYOR PRO-TEM JACKIE BOLEWARE

City Clerk Smith administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Pro-Tem Boleware

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MARIA PERALTA, 2020 YOUTH SOCCER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Knol and accepted by Maria Peralta:

**PROCLAMATION
Maria Peralta
2020 Youth Soccer Volunteer of the Year**

WHEREAS, Farmington Hills resident Maria Peralta was chosen as the 2020 Youth Soccer Volunteer of the Year by the Board of Directors and staff at the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA); and

WHEREAS, Maria will officially be recognized and will receive her award at the organization's annual General Meeting in March; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department, and the Farmington Soccer Club all applaud Maria Peralta for her commitment to youth soccer in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Maria's tireless efforts, organizational skills, and passion for soccer helped facilitate a longtime positive working relationship between the City and the Soccer Club, and also helped make youth soccer a great success in our community; and

WHEREAS, Maria Peralta's energy, enthusiasm, and countless hours of volunteer time enhanced the programs offered by the Farmington Soccer Club and benefitted the community as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Vicki Barnett, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize **Maria Peralta** for her dedication to Youth Soccer and offer my sincere appreciation for her efforts on behalf of young people in our community.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUDGE MARLA PARKER, 2020 OAKLAND COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AWARD

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Newlin and accepted by Judge Parker:

**PROCLAMATION
47th District Court Judge Marla Parker
2020 Oakland County Domestic Violence Prevention Award**

WHEREAS, 47th District Court Judge and Farmington Hills resident Marla Parker recently received the 2020 Oakland County Domestic Violence Prevention Award; and

WHEREAS, Judge Parker was honored because of her tireless work and steadfast dedication to protecting survivors of domestic violence and holding abusers accountable; and

WHEREAS, she has presided over the 47th District Court for 27 years, serving Farmington and Farmington Hills with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, as an active member of the multidisciplinary High Risk Response Team of Farmington Hills/Farmington, Judge Parker meets regularly with area leaders to pursue education, share resources, and establish practices to identify high risk situations with the goal of preventing the tragedy of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Judge Parker has promoted the need for similar coordinated community response teams throughout Oakland County and spearheaded efforts to train the entire Court staff in domestic violence awareness and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Judge Parker requires that victims speak to an advocate at HAVEN to develop a safety plan and utilize the services of this Oakland County program that provides shelter, counseling, advocacy, and education for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Vicki Barnett, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize **Judge Marla Parker** for being a powerful force against domestic violence both inside and outside the courtroom and applaud her compassionate dedication and impactful work that has improved the lives and futures of countless members of our community.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING BARBARA MEGERIAN FOR 25 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF REVIEW

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Bridges and accepted by Barbra Megerian:

**PROCLAMATION
Barbara Megerian
25-Year Board of Review Member
*In Recognition of Exemplary Service to Farmington Hills***

- WHEREAS,** Barbara Megerian gave her knowledge and expertise to the Board of Review, serving with distinction for over twenty-five years during nine terms from 1995 through 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** Barbara Megerian served the Board of Review with dignity, honor, and respect through the difficult process of weighing fairness under the tax law with compassion for residents; and
- WHEREAS,** she faithfully attended annual meetings of the Board of Review, carefully reviewed letters of appeal, weighed evidence, and served as a valuable resource for the people of our City; and
- WHEREAS,** Barbara Megerian spent over 40 years as a full-time licensed real estate agent helping residents in Farmington Hills and playing a role in the development of our high quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,** Barbara Megerian moved to Farmington Hills in 1966 and has been a longtime resident and an involved member of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Vicki Barnett, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize and thank **Barbara Megerian** for her commitment to the City and offer my sincere gratitude for the loyal service of this highly dedicated and well regarded individual.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was acknowledged by City Council:

- Letter regarding no turns off Middlebelt Road.
- Thank you letter to City Council from Mary Buchan, Commission on Aging member.
- Letter received and acknowledged at the last meeting regarding a traffic concern in a subdivision.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Barnett read the following comments submitted via e-mail into the record:

As it relates to the Michigan Secretary of State decision to mail requests to apply for an absentee

ballot to all registered voters in Michigan, could you please explain the following:

Did the SOS use a list of all registered voters that utilized the City records or a State data base or are they one in the same?

Were the requests sent to all registered voters in the City or were those on the registered voter records classified as "permanent" excluded? By permanent I am referring to voters who previously

met absentee voter requirements and elected to be automatically sent a request for an absentee ballot for each election.

Did the requests mailed by the SOS specify Deliver to Addressee Only, Do not Forward or similar language? If not, were requests allowed to be forwarded by the USPS?

For those receiving the letter from the SOS and requesting an Absentee Ballot, was return postage provided and were the responses sent to the SOS or the City of Farmington Hills?

How many letters were sent by the SOS to registered voters in the City, and how many requests were returned?

In total, including those identified as "Permanent", how many requests for absentee ballots were mailed to registered voters in the City and how many returned?

How many of the absentee ballots returned were rejected? By category, what were the reasons?

For letters sent by the SOS and returned as undeliverable, what action was taken by the SOS to inform the City? If the City received notification, what actions did the City take?

Are the City registered voter records updated to include those requesting an absentee ballot through SOS mailings as "Permanent"?

As a result of the SOS mailings how many names were removed from the City registered voter list?

Is it possible that households with adults and children over 18 that appear on the voter rolls include individuals that no longer reside at that residence?

For those registering to vote the first time are they given the option to elect to receive a request to receive an absentee ballot for each future election or is this automatic?

For those who did not request an absentee ballot for the past election, what action can they take to elect to automatically receive an application to receive an absentee ballot for each future election?

Tom DeWard

Farmington Hills

Mayor Barnett asked City Clerk Smith to address the questions pertaining to her Department. Clerk Smith answered that most of the questions were regarding actions of the Secretary of State's Office and should be directed to the Secretary of State. Regarding adults and children over 18 residing in the same household, that certainly is possible. She discussed the process required for removing voters from the system.

City Clerk Smith read the following comments from Oakland County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson:

Oakland County has a new grant opening today for restaurants. Please go to our website for details. Help us get the word out to all our local restaurants Check our website oakgov.com or call me for more details

JVS is starting a new paid internship program for residents who are over 50 and have been unemployed for 6 months or longer. Please contact JVS or me for more details

Oakland County is offering a free membership to the grocery delivery service for seniors 60 years old and above called SHIPT. please go to our website oakgov.com for details.

I hope you have happy holidays. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns Thank you,

*Commissioner Marcia Gershenson
248-808-1032*

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following comments were made:

- The Phizer vaccine for COVID received emergency authorization through the FDA. Thank you to residents for not causing a surge of COVID activity during the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Holidays and please find other means through technology or phone calls to reach out to family and friends and to check on neighbors who might be in need.
- Impact of C.A.R.E.S and need for donations to C.A.R.E.S and other organizations including Salvation Army so they can continue to assist families in the community. C.A.R.E.S. contact information is 248.474-8231 or www.caresfh.org
- Oakland County is offering a Water Residential Assistance Program.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Acting City Manager Mekjian provided the following update:

- City Hall closed to the public last week until further notice, but staff is still reporting. Residents are encouraged to use the city website when possible or contact staff to make an appointment if necessary, to conduct city business.
- City Hall is officially closed to for the holidays on December 24th, 25th, 31st and January 1st.
- There will be no garbage pick up on December 25th or January 1st so garbage pick-up will be delayed 1 day for those residents who have normal pick-up on those days.
- Happy Holidays to all!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE, CHAPTER 34, "ZONING", TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN ORDER TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 33466 EIGHT MILE ROAD OS-2, PLANNED OFFICE DISTRICT TO B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; REZONING REQUEST 2-7-2020. (TABLED FROM NOVEMBER 9, 2020)

Ed Gardiner, Director of Planning and Community Development, explained that the presentation and public hearing for the following two rezoning requests were held at the last meeting. He noted that the only change since that time is that staff discovered a marginal access easement agreement had been signed and recorded with Oakland County against the vacant property.

Attorney Joppich further explained that a site plan had been approved for a bank on the vacant parcel and that plan showed a marginal access drive connecting the property to the east with the property to the west of the vacant parcel so it was a connector easement that was signed and recorded and is currently in place. He noted that if the zoning is changed, that existing easement may no longer apply because the marginal access would either not be provided or may have to be in a different location. This easement also benefits the other property owners along 8 Mile Road to the west.

Mr. Kuhlman, proponent, stated that at the last meeting there were two main areas of discussion that included the building height and the marginal access drive. He confirmed that there was a marginal access easement included on the site plan proposed for constructing a bank at that time and the construction never happened and the marginal access was part of the proposed development that never occurred. He feels the marginal access easement can be vacated if rezoned and a new easement could be created. He discussed current city ordinances as they relate to marginal access drives and displayed two potential site plans that he feels would meet the requirements for the marginal access drive. Mr. Kuhlman also pointed out West Bloomfield property to the north that has a frontage road connecting a variety of zoning districts. Regarding the building height, he pointed out several properties within Farmington Hills that could potentially be 50 feet in height based on the current zoning ordinance that also border residential property along 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Road. In closing he commented that he started this process 2 or 3 months ago and posted required notices and he doesn't believe the city has received any opposition to the rezoning requests and the Planning Commission approved the rezoning of both parcels. He respectfully requested that City Council consider approving both requests as he believes it will benefit the City of Farmington Hills.

In response to City Council, Mr. Kuhlman commented that the market will dictate the height of the building; however, he does not believe there is the market for a 3-story building at the time. He would be happy to place a covenant on his property to limit it to 34 feet in height, but it was his understanding this was not possible according to the City Attorney.

Councilmember Knol remarked that City Council is considering the rezoning only tonight and not a site plan. She stated that the Master Plan is a guide and needs to be flexible to meet market conditions and Council already expressed the need to review the Master Plan as it may need to change to address the needs of the community. She liked the idea of having one marginal access for different types of zoning districts as he has shown is in West Bloomfield and that in this case it could work. She also believes that higher intensity retail would work on 8 Mile Road and supports the rezoning of the properties.

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves removing from the table discussion on the Introduction of both Ordinances for Rezoning Request 2-7-2020 and Rezoning Request 3-7-2020.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an ordinance amending City Code, Chapter 34, "Zoning", to amend the official Zoning Map in order to rezone the property located at 33466 Eight Mile Road OS-2, Planned Office District to B-3, General Business District; Rezoning Request 2-7-2020.

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, to amend the motion to include the reason for approving the rezoning is that the change is a reasonable alternative to the Master Plan because it will promote land use policies of the Master Plan and will not conflict with present policies.

Vote on the amendment to the original motion:

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Motion with the amendment:

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an ordinance amending City Code, Chapter 34, "Zoning", to amend the official Zoning Map in order to rezone the property located at 33466 Eight Mile Road OS-2, Planned Office District to B-3, General Business District; Rezoning Request 2-7-2020 as the change is a reasonable alternative to the Master Plan because it will promote land use policies of the Master Plan and will not conflict with present policies.

Vote on the motion to approve with the amendment:

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE, CHAPTER 34, "ZONING", TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN ORDER TO REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 33474 EIGHT MILE ROAD OS-2, PLANNED OFFICE DISTRICT TO B-3, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; REZONING REQUEST 3-7-2020. (TABLED FROM NOVEMBER 9, 2020)

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an ordinance amending City Code, Chapter 34, "Zoning", to amend the official Zoning Map in order to rezone the property located at 33474 Eight Mile Road OS-2, Planned Office District to B-3, General Business District; Rezoning Request 3-7-2020 as the change is a reasonable alternative to the Master Plan because it will promote land use policies of the Master Plan and will not conflict with present policies.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL VACANCY PROCESS.

Acting City Manager Mekjian presented City Council with some guidelines for filling the City Council vacancy, including a press release that he would like City Council to review so that they can publicize the vacancy this week. He noted that the only requirement of a City Council member is that they are a registered elector of the City. He provided some sample questions for Council to include in a questionnaire for the applicants as other communities have done that have recently filled a vacancy; but stated that they were only suggestions and that the questions should be that of City Council members. He also provided a proposed matrix for Council use if they wished during the interview process.

Discussion was held on the process and proposed questions. The consensus of City Council was that they would interview all candidates who apply and that the candidates would be asked to submit a letter of interest and resume or short biography and will be requested to complete a questionnaire with the following questions:

1. What do you see as the primary role of the City Council? How do you research issues impacting the City?
2. List the top three goals that you feel are achievable by the City of Farmington Hills.
3. What do you feel is the biggest challenge facing the City of Farmington Hills and how would you address it?
4. What do you feel is your main responsibility to the citizens of Farmington Hills?
5. Why are you seeking this position and what is your experience with public, community, and civic organizations?

The proposed press release would be revised to reflect these changes.

Mayor Barnett suggesting moving item #11 up on the agenda.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves moving new business item #11, Consideration of approval of the appointment of Brandy Hart as magistrate for the 47th District Court, up on the agenda to be discussed following item #8.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF BRANDY HART AS MAGISTRATE FOR THE 47TH DISTRICT COURT. CMR 12-20-120

MOTION by Boleware, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the appointment of Brandy Hart as attorney magistrate for the 47th District Court.

Dave Walsh, Court Administrator, stated that Magistrate Dennis Pheny had announced his retirement effective the end of this calendar year. He explained that the court has 3 part-time magistrates that rotate the magisterial duties. The position was posted and he and the judges went through an interview process and selected Brandy Hart. She has been a member of the Michigan Indigent Defense Council (MIDC) since the implementation of the MIDC Compliance Plan in September 2019 and is a graduate of Wayne State University and Cooley Law School and they are thrilled to welcome her to their team.

Ms. Hart introduced herself to City Council stating that she is a current resident of Farmington with her husband and two minor children. Her interest in law began at Cass Technical High School and continued until she earned her license to practice from the State Bar of Michigan in 2013 and since that time has served on rotation as court appointed council for the 47th District Court. She is humbled to accept the position if approved by City Council.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE FARMINGTON HILLS MUNICIPAL BROADBAND TASK FORCE.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

RESOLUTION NO. R-201-20

RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TERM OF THE FARMINGTON HILLS MUNICIPAL BROADBAND TASK FORCE

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held on December 14, 2020, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, with those present and absent being,

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

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Councilmember Bridges and supported by Councilmember Massey:

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2018, City Council adopted a resolution (R-62-18) establishing the Broadband Task Force for the purpose and with the objective of studying and reporting to City Council any available options and the necessary undertakings in order to establish a municipal broadband system and services in the City of Farmington Hills, potential obstacles or issues involved with doing so, and the possibility of public-private partnerships and interlocal partnerships for the provision of municipal broadband services; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2019, City Council extended the expiration term of the Task Force from February 1, 2019 to August 1, 2019 as the Task Force required more time to carry out its purpose and objectives and report back to City Council; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2019, City Council extended the expiration term of the Task Force from August 1, 2019 to April 1, 2020 as the City had issued a Request For Proposal for Municipal Broadband Network Assessment and Feasibility Analysis for the Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills and the Task Force would be participating in the RFP process and presentation to City Council; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2020, City Council awarded a contract for the Municipal Broadband Network Assessment and Feasibility Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force will be participating in the network assessment and feasibility analysis process and final presentation to City Council and therefore, is requesting an extension of a one-year term from its last term expiration of April 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, that the term of the Broadband Task Force, set to expire on April 1, 2021, is hereby extended until December 31, 2021.

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

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE EXTENSION OF TERMS FOR BROADBAND TASK FORCE MEMBERS.

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation of the extension of terms for Broadband Task Force Members Aaron Paluzzi and Mark Seals with terms ending December 31, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR OAKLAND COUNTY TO APPROVE THE DESIGNATED ASSESSOR FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025. CMR 12-20-121

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR OAKLAND COUNTY TO APPROVE THE DESIGNATED ASSESSOR FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. R-203-20

At a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, held at the Farmington Hills City Hall on the 14th day of December, 2020 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. with those present and absent being,

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

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

PREAMBLE:

A. Public Act 660 of 2018 requires a County to have a Designated Assessor on file with the State Tax Commission as of December 31, 2020.

B. An interlocal agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") has been approved by the Board of Commissioners for Oakland County, and presented to the City of Farmington Hills for Approval.

C. The City of Farmington Hills is a Municipal Corporation located within the County of Oakland, in the State of Michigan.

D. The Michigan Constitution of 1963, Article 7, Section 28 permits a political subdivision to exercise jointly with any other political subdivision any power, privilege or authority which such political subdivisions share in common with each other and which each might exercise separately.

E. The Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, being MCL 124.505 *et seq.*, and the Intergovernmental Transfer of Functions and Responsibilities Act, give effect to the Constitutional provision by providing that public agencies may enter into interlocal agreements to carry out their respective functions, powers and authority.

F. P.A. 660 of 2018 requires each County to enter into an Agreement that designates the individual who will serve as the County’s Designated Assessor, and that the interlocal agreement must be approved by the County Board of Commissioners and a majority of the Assessing Districts in the County.

G. P.A. 660 of 2018 mandates that the Designated Assessor shall be an advanced assessing officer or a master assessing officer.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council for the City of Farmington Hills, hereby agrees to the terms of the Interlocal Agreement for Oakland County to Approve the Designated Assessor for the Period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025 and hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City of Farmington Hills.

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

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE RICHLAND GARDENS SUBDIVISION WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO PAMAR ENTERPRISES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,298,915.85. CMR 12-20-122

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the award of Richland Gardens Subdivision (aka Old Towne area) Water Main Replacement Project to the lowest competent bidder, Pamar Enterprises, Inc. of New Haven, Michigan, in the amount of \$3,298,915.85; 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 AND NEWLIN
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR THEATRE STAGE CURTAINS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AT THE FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER TO TLS SALES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$143,000. CMR 12-20-123

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to approve the purchase order to TLS Sales, Inc. for Theatre Stage Curtains and Related Equipment for the main theatre at the Farmington Hills Community Center (Hawk) in the amount of \$143,000.00 (\$130,000 + \$13,000 contingency).

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: BARNETT, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, KNOL, MASSEY AND NEWLIN

Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR AUDIO, VIDEO AND LIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE MAIN THEATRE AT THE FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER TO ADVANCED LIGHTING & SOUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$276,857. CMR 12-20-124

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to approve the purchase order to Advanced Lighting & Sound for audio, video and lighting equipment for the main theatre at the Farmington Hills Community Center (Hawk) in the amount of \$276,857 (\$240,747 + \$36,110 contingency).

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR CITY FACILITIES PARKING LOT STRIPING PROGRAM TO HART PAVEMENT STRIPING CORPORATION IN A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$10,000 PER YEAR, WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 12-20-125

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager and the City Clerk to sign the contract with Hart Pavement Striping Corporation in a not to exceed amount of \$10,000 per year, with possible extensions.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR CHLORIDE SAND FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL TO TRI-CITY AGGREGATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000; WITH ANNUAL EXTENSIONS. CMR 12-20-126

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to approve a purchase order to Tri-City Aggregate for chloride sand in an amount of \$40,000, with annual extensions.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION BID PACK #5 – SITE SIGNAGE TO VARIOUS CONTRACTORS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$41,732. CMR 12-20-127

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager and Colasanti Construction Services to approve contracts, in the following amounts for the Community Center Renovation Bid Pack #5:

Item	Award Amount	Contractor(s)
Site Signage	\$28,977	I.D. Enterprises
Construction Management Services-including Bonds, Insurance and Fee	\$12,175	Colasanti Construction Services
Bid Pack #5 Construction Contingency	\$580	Colasanti Construction Services
BID PACK #5 TOTAL	\$41,732	

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMS AND CONSULTANT SERVICES TO PSYBUS PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTANTS IN A TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$30,000 PER YEAR FOR TWO YEARS; WITH POSSIBLE RENEWAL. CMR 12-20-128

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve all budgeted purchase orders to Psybus Psychological Consultants in a total estimated amount of \$30,000 per year for a term of two (2) years with an option to renew four (4) additional one (1) year terms upon mutual agreement between the City and firm.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF BID FOR AS NEEDED FACILITIES INTERIOR LIGHTING UPGRADES WITH GRAYBAR FOR TWO YEARS; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 12-20-129

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to approve all budgeted purchase orders for electrical and

interior lighting renovations with Graybar for two year with possible extensions under the same terms and conditions through mutual consent between the City and Graybar.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SALARY INCREASE FOR THE CITY CLERK.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a 2.85% salary increase for the City Clerk retroactive to July 1, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 23, 2020.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council study session meeting minutes of November 23, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 23, 2020.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council regular session meeting minutes of November 23, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None

ATTORNEY REPORT

City Council received the Attorney Report.

CLOSED SESSION

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING: 1) COMMAND OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN (C.O.A.M.) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AND 2) EMPLOYEE REQUESTED REVIEW (NOTE: COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CLOSED SESSION).

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering into a closed session to discuss the following: 1) Command Officers Association of Michigan (C.O.A.M.) Collective Bargaining Agreement and 2) Employee requested review.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Council entered back into open session at 10:23pm.

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves an increase in salary for the Acting City Manager in the amount of \$2,500 per month retroactive to November 1, 2020 when he became Acting City Manager due to the retirement of the current City Manager and for the increase to be for the duration of him performing these additional services as Acting City Manager.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 10:25pm.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk