

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
AUGUST 10, 2015 – 7:30 PM
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Brickner at 7:40 p.m.

Council Members Present: Brickner, Bridges, Bruce, Lerner and Massey

Council Members Absent: Knol and Steckloff

Others Present: Acting City Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith, Directors Gajda, Gardiner Lasley and Schnackel and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Judge Michael Warren, Oakland County Circuit Court, led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 6 - 12, 2015 AS PATRIOT WEEK AND SEPTEMBER 11, 2015 AS PATRIOT DAY

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Lerner and accepted by Judge Michael Warren:

**PATRIOT WEEK
SEPTEMBER 6 – 12, 2015**

WHEREAS, September 6 – 12, 2015 has been declared as Patriot Week in the State of Michigan and Friday, September 11, 2015 as Patriot Day; and

WHEREAS, Patriot Week celebrates the concepts put forth by our Founding Fathers, and the vital documents including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, and the Bill of Rights, which make this the greatest nation in world history; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this nation live in freedom, which was hard won through the great sacrifices and many tribulations of those who currently serve or who have served our country and provided us with the foundation for a free, prosperous, and independent life; and

WHEREAS, each generation must work to maintain this freedom, otherwise through carelessness or indifference, our rights and liberties may vanish; and

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills recognizes and celebrates all the patriots, past and present, who have dedicated their lives to the service of others and thereby exemplified a deep love and devotion to their country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Barry Brickner, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim September 6 – 12, 2015 as **Patriot Week** and call upon the citizens of Farmington Hills to come together to recognize the loyal devotion of those who have given dedicated service to our nation and made daily sacrifices to preserve a society built upon the principles of life, liberty, and justice for all.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION “TIP OF THE MONTH”

The following Tip of the Month was read by Mayor Pro Tem Massey:

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
TIP OF THE MONTH
AUGUST 2015**

In August the Emergency Preparedness Commission is reminding all families with school age children to make sure they update their children's emergency contact cards and to review emergency procedures with their families, should an event happen while their children are at school, or on their way to and from school.

Our children are exposed to a lot of alarming and sometimes scary information on a daily basis, especially from television. Your words and actions can provide reassurance while also easing their fears. It is important to engage your child about what they see and hear, and when you do be sure to present a realistic picture that is both honest and manageable. Children are not helpless, especially when given tools to help manage their own environment.

It is very reassuring to see how much time and effort the city's Police Department and the school's safety director have put forth, working together to create protocols that help ensure the safety of our children. Remember, even if you don't have children of your own, our community's children belong to us all, and we should all keep a protective eye out as we see children playing and traveling on our streets and playgrounds.

And as always, the Emergency Preparedness Commission urges all residents to make preparedness a part of daily life. For more information or to receive a copy of the Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Handbook, visit the City's website at www.fhready.org.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received by Council on the following topics:

- Inquiry about the School Board. Response was sent indicating that the City had no authority over the School Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, to approve items #5- #11 of the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, LERNER AND MASSEY

Nays: NONE

Absent: KNOL AND STECKLOFF

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0-2-0

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, to approve items #12 and #13 of the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-2-1

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There were no public questions or comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following Council comments/announcements were made:

- Run for the Hills 1K, 5K and 10 K fundraiser for Special Olympics to be held Saturday, August 15th
- Todd Lipa, Youth Program Supervisor, received the USA Unites Award
- Farmington SAFE Softball Tournament was held Saturday and helped to raise awareness for mental illness and they are planning a 3rd annual tournament next year (2nd Saturday in August)
- Springhill Baptist Church Event on Saturday
- Farmington Public School closings
- Update on Councilmember Samantha Steckloff
- Dr. Katayama, Consulate General of Japan for Michigan and Ohio, was being reassigned to China

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Acting City Manager Boyer commented on the following:

- Update on the Twelve Mile Road Construction
- Family Fun Fest Carnival is being held August 20-23, 2015 at Founders Sports Park
- Invited residents to Heritage Park on Thursday to watch the Community Band

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey inquired about addressing the boulevard turn-a-rounds during the Twelve Mile Road construction. Acting City Manager Boyer stated that he believes two of the turn-a-rounds would be addressed with this construction.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-8-2015 AMENDING CITY CODE, CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE V, "EMPLOYEE BENEFITS," FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR THE 47TH DISTRICT COURT EMPLOYEES; AND APPROVAL OF SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-8-2015 to amend the following Sections of the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances in Chapter 2, "Administration," Article V, "Employee Benefits": Section 2-281 to exclude non-executive Court employees hired after September 1, 2015 and provide for their participation in a defined contribution plan; Section 2-310 to place the Judges, Court Administrator and Deputy Court Administrator in Benefit Group E; and Section 2-370 to make form of Payment D available to all Benefit Groups; and summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR CHLORIDE SAND FOR SNOW AND ICE CONTROL TO TRI-CITY AGGREGATES IN AN AMOUNT OF \$32,250.00; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 8-15-76

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to approve a purchase order to Tri-City Aggregates for Chloride Sand in an amount not to exceed \$32,250.00, with possible annual extensions.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR BUILDING TRADES SERVICES AT THE WILLIAM COSTICK ACTIVITIES CENTER, LONGACRE HOUSE AND GRANT CENTER TO COMMONWEALTH ENERGY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 PER YEAR FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 8-15-77

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to approve all repairs as needed for Building Trades for the William Costick Activities Center, Longacre House and Grant Center for approximately \$35,000 per year to Commonwealth Energy for a period of two (2) years and to renew for an additional three (3) years under the same terms and conditions upon mutual consent by the City and Commonwealth Energy.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR A LARGE AREA DIESEL ROTARY MOWER AND A GREENS MOWER TO SPARTAN DISTRIBUTORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,478.75 AND \$25,679.00, RESPECTIVELY. CMR 8-15-78

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to issue a purchase order for a large area diesel rotary mower to Spartan Distributors in the amount of \$52,478.75 and for a greens mower in the amount of \$25,679.00.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR SNOW PLOW BLADES, ROAD GRADER BLADES AND CUTTING EDGES TO VARIOUS SUPPLIERS. CMR 8-15-79

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to approve purchase orders to the following suppliers with possible extensions:

Supplies	Company	Total Bid
Urethane Dampener Plow Blade Kit and Individual Parts	Ironhawk Industrial Euclid, OH	\$25,372.13
Wing Plow, Road Grader, and Front End Plow Blades	Valk Manufacturing Kingston, PA	\$1,692
Underbody Plow Blades (primary)	Winter Equipment Willoughby, OH	\$27,948
Underbody Plow Blades (secondary)	Truck and Trailer Specialties Detroit, MI	\$27,770
Underbody Plow Curb Guards	Heights Machinery Williamsburg, MI	\$721.60

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE RUN FOR THE HILLS 1K, 5K AND 10K BENEFIT RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2015.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for a 1K, 5K, and 10K Benefit Run for the Special Olympics to be held on Saturday, August 15, 2015, beginning at 8:30am to approximately 10:00am on the run routes as approved by the Police Department, subject to the following conditions:

- Obtaining an approved electrical permit and inspection prior to the event **IF** electrical will be used in the City of Farmington Hills.
- Ample offsite parking has been arranged
- The applicant will notify residents of the affected subdivision about the event

- The area will be free of obstacles that would inhibit emergency Police and Fire response
- The applicant has agreed to reimburse the Farmington Hills Police Department for costs of staffing for the event. The staffing needed for safety and security is as follows:
 - ◆ 1 Supervisor for traffic control at 10 Mile//Broadview
 - ◆ 1 Officer for traffic control at Power/Dohany
 - ◆ 1 Officer for traffic control at 11 Mile/Power
 - ◆ 1 Officer for traffic control at 11 Mile/Ridgewood
 - ◆ 2 Motorcycle Officers (one to lead each race)

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, LERNER AND MASSEY

Nays: NONE

Absent: KNOL AND STECKLOFF

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR HOLY CROSS CHALDEAN CATHOLIC CHURCH TO HOLD A PICNIC AND PARISH FESTIVAL ON AUGUST 23, 2015.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for the Holy Cross Chaldean Catholic Church located at 32500 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, MI to hold a church picnic and parish festival on Sunday, August 23, 2015 from 2pm until 9pm subject to the following conditions:

- An approved electrical inspection and permit are issued prior to the event
- Egress from the facility shall not be restricted
- Fire lanes shall not be blocked or restricted
- Event shall comply with minimum Fire Prevention Code requirements
- Open flame devices or equipment shall not be used
- Tents require NFPA 701 Flame Resistance label affixed to panels/canopy
 - Applicant must contact Fire Prevention prior to the beginning of the event to schedule site inspection.
- No cash sales shall be made in the tent area
- Ample on-site parking is provided for attendees of the event
- The location will be free of obstacles that would inhibit police and fire response
- Acknowledgement that the applicant has requested no Police assistance for this event

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, LERNER AND MASSEY

Nays: NONE

Absent: KNOL AND STECKLOFF

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CANCELING THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby cancels the regular City Council meeting of September 14, 2015 in observance of Rosh Hashanah.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2015.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of July 27, 2015 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-2-1

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2015.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of July 27, 2015 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-2-1

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT The City Attorney Report was received with no questions from Council.

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Brickner mentioned potential topics for the next regular City Council meeting of August 24, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Brickner adjourned the City Council meeting at 7:51p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk