

MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING (VIA TELECONFERENCE)  
JUNE 22, 2020 – 7:30 PM

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Barnett via teleconference at 7:34pm.

Council Members Present: Barnett, Boleware, Knol, Massey, Newlin and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: Bridges

Others Present: City Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Mekjian, Directors Gardiner, Mondora, Monico and Schnackel, Fire Chief Unruh, 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 Massey, support by Steckloff, to approve the agenda as published.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

- An e-mail regarding wearing masks at city hall. City Manager Boyer explained the city's protocol for wearing masks.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Councilmember Boleware inquired if Councilmembers could receive the consent agenda items a week in advance of the City Council meeting. City Manager Boyer indicated that staff will attempt to get the information out as soon as possible but it sometimes depends on when bids are open and information is available.

Mayor Barnett read the following email from Mr. DeWard into the record:

The first item on the Consent Agenda begins with the following:

**The City Charter requires sealed competitive bidding of commodities that individually or aggregately exceed \$10,000 in one fiscal year. The Charter also requires a waiver if it is in the best interest of the City to not competitively bid a product or service.**

The list of vendors provided to Council does not include any engineering firms.

Has Council ever approved an engineering contract for road construction work as part of the Consent Agenda or the regular Agenda?

Has Council ever reviewed Engineering contracts related to road construction?

Does Council know who negotiates these contacts and who approves the contacts?

Does Council believe it appropriate the use the same engineering firm to set the bid specifications and then to approve the work?

Is Council aware that over \$900,000.00 in contracts were signed with one engineering firm for road work in the Independence Commons SAD and hundreds of thousands of dollars of extras were approved?

Is Council aware that the engineering firm that performed the work in Independence Commons added 200% overhead for each labor dollar?

Perhaps Council should order a thorough independent review of all engineering awards beginning with the work in Independence Commons.

Tom DeWard

City Attorney commented that as-needed engineering/consulting services were reviewed and approved by City Council back in 2016.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

City Clerk Pam Smith read the following comments into the record from County Commissioner Marcia Gershenson:

County Executive Dave Coulter announced with Oakland Schools Superintendent Wanda Cook Robinson the “Oakland Together School Nurse initiative” to provide students, parents, teachers and staff the confidence they need to return to school safely in the fall. With the support of The Board of Commissioners, our County Health Departments will staff dozens of school nurses in order to help implement best practices for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

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Also, We have allocated 10 million to help non profits resume services that were severely impacted by the Pandemic. The application period has closed and we are working with United Way to administer this fund. Money is available to non profits that provide vital services such a s food, shelter, health care and financial assistance to Oakland County residents.

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In addition, the County is partnering with Michigan Works and the Oakland Livingston Human Service agency (OLHSA) to provide free, confidential financial coaching to county residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Coaches will work with clients to asses their financial wellness, identify budget goals and solutions, and create customized action plans for them to use. Coaches will remain in close contact to monitor residents progress and help them return to enhanced financial security.

Thre are so many good things happening to rebuild our economy and workforce. Oakland County Michigan Works announce their “Summer Young Professionals Program” which gives residents 18-24 the opportunity to earn a FREE industry recognized certification for a job, a cash bonus and a laptop computer upon certification. Eligibility is determined on several factors and on a case to case basis. For more information contact the Michigan Works office nearest you.

Please reach out to me with any questions regarding any of these programs or for any help any of our residents need.

Thank you,  
Marcia Gershenson  
Oakland County Commissioner

Eugene Greenstein, Olde Franklin, commented on the exemplary service provided by the Police Department. He suggested that Council make a strong statement in support of the Police Department.

Mayor Barnett mentioned the proclamation passed by Council a few weeks ago on racial relations at which time Council pointed out that Farmington Hills has an award-winning Police Department and what a great service they provide.

William Lewis, Kilreigh Drive, commented on the email and photos provided to City Council showing blight at a home on his street. He added that the home looks to be vacant and he is concerned with the minimum ordinance requirements the city has regarding blight and allowing the home to sit in this condition for so long.

Mayor Pro-Tem Knol requested having a study session on this issue and discussing the ordinances and process of enforcement and what other communities in the area are doing to address this issue.

Sue Burnstein-Kahn, resident, echoed Mr. Greenstein's comments regarding the Police Department and thanked them for their service.

Linda Stolberg, resident, expressed her support and appreciation of the Police Department and their service and called upon continued funding and community support. She encouraged other community members to show their support by letter or stopping by to let them know they are valued and appreciated.

Mayor Barnett also acknowledged the service of the Fire Department and acknowledged that the firefighters are 100% life-support trained.

Mayor Barnett read the following letter into the record from resident Simon Cohen:

Ms. Smith and City Council,

I am extremely proud of the community I have found here in Farmington Hills for the past year, and there are many aspects of life in Michigan that are the best of the two very different worlds I grew up in and went to college in. This is an issue that is near and dear to my heart, as I have fallen in love with the natural beauty the state offers. The idea of my community's waste needlessly despoiling the wonder around us is nauseating to me. Additionally, recycling offers economical benefits to the community and the world at large. I also believe that good stewardship of the environment is fundamental to the Michigan way of life I have been shown.

I have already contacted the complex administration and they responded saying they used to offer recycling, but "*it didn't work well*". They offered an identical dumpster to the one currently present to collect garbage, and were surprised to find that tenants used it to dispose of garbage as well. Their response was to issue fines to the transgressing tenants instead of trying to assist correct disposal. After a period of time, they ceased offering the service at all. They have continued to systematically stonewall efforts to have a discussion about this issue.

I do not believe the guardianship of the environment should be left to the whims of large corporations, whose management does not reside in the same neighborhood, particularly when local government has the authority to make a positive change in the world. I ask that you put easy access to recycling services for every member of the community into legislation.

Easy access to recycling services would include, at the minimum, a receptacle for paper and plastic next to each garbage can or dumpster collected. The idea of hauling a single household's worth of waste to a recycling facility with a car is antithetical to the idea of environmental care. Using a car in this manner also clogs the streets with unnecessary traffic. If the city cannot or will not supply this access, requiring it is an easy first step.

Not providing or requiring this service is playing directly into the hands of large financial interests that control the complexes in Farmington Hills at the expense of those of us that live here, and the state of the environment that we and our kids will grow up in.

Thank you for your time,  
Simon Cohen

Mayor Barnett requested a future study session on recycling for apartment complexes.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following City Council comments and announcements were made:

- The Juneteenth Celebration was held on June 19, 2020 at which time a proclamation was issued and a walk was held on Sunday from Nardin Park Church to City Hall. A special thanks went out to Police Chief King and Sgt. Clark and all of the Officers in attendance for their assistance.

Councilmember Boleware requested a study session on the possibility of making Juneteenth a paid holiday for employees.

Councilmember Newlin expressed concern with various streets names in the community and suggested a future study session to discuss the possibility of changing the street names.

Discussion was held on the process that it would take to change street names and the potential financial effect this could have on hundreds of residents.

**CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

City Manager Boyer provided an update on the opening of City Hall and various programs and services available.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION 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 31066 WEST TWELVE MILE ROAD FROM B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO P-1 VEHICLE PARKING DISTRICT; REZONING REQUEST 1-3-2020.**

Mayor Barnett explained that the proponent requested this item to be removed from the agenda, but since the public hearing was already advertised, it will be held following staff comments.

Ed Gardiner, Planning and Community Development Director, explained that the proponent submitted an email to withdraw his request for the rezoning. As a courtesy City Council typically hears any comments from the public, but he does not expect Council to take any action this evening.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY REGARDING THE OAKLAND TOGETHER CARES ACT CVT FUND. CMR 6-20-73**

Gary Mekjian, Assistant City Manager, explained that in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Oakland County has received \$30 million from the United States Department of Treasury as part of the emergency funding relief outlined in the CARES Act. The funding is available to all Oakland County communities in an effort to reimburse them for covid-related expenses that were not part of their adopted budget as of March 27, 2020. Applications must be submitted to the County no later than November 30, 2020 and City Council approval of the proposed Interlocal Agreement is required to participate in the program. The agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney as to form and content.

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves and authorizes the City Manager to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Oakland County regarding the Oakland Together CARES Act CVT Fund.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6 - 0

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ANNUAL BID WAIVERS AND AWARDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021. CMR 6-20-74**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue purchase orders for the following budgeted products and services for fiscal year 2020/2021:

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>COMMODITY</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>	<b>JUSTIFICATION</b>	<b>LAST BID CONTRACT</b>	<b>EST. ANNUAL AMOUNT</b>
Access Interactive	Virtual Desktop Infrastructure Equipment, Software Maintenance & Support	All	Oakland County G2G Bid Contract	Current	\$150,000
Accruent Systems (Avaya Business Partner)	Facility Maintenance & Capital Asset Software	All	O.E.M. vendor/ Bid OMNIA Partners	Current	\$30,000
BS&A	Equalizer, Tax, Permits, Cash receipting software maintenance/updates	DPCD, Finance	Sole Source O.E.M. vendor/ Original bid	N/A	26,500
ESRI	GIS licensing/ maintenance and support	All	State of MI contract	Current	\$18,000
Eden Systems/Tyler Technologies	Financial software maintenance/updates	All	Sole Source O.E.M. vendor/ Original bid	N/A	\$92,000
Fortinet/ Fortigate & Malwarebytes authorized resellers	Cybersecurity & Web filtering	IT	OMNIA Partners, NJPA & State of MI/REMC/NASPO contracts (or less)	N/A	\$25,000
The Global Group (formerly Future Net - authorized Laserfiche reseller)	LaserFiche & Related Software Licenses maintenance of Document Management systems.	All	O.E.M. vendor	2016	\$70,000
Grainger	Mechanical, Industrial and Janitorial Supplies	All	State of MI contract	Current	\$40,000
Harrell's & Simplot Partners	Fertilizer & Grounds Maintenance supplies	Parks & Golf	OMNIA Partners Contract(Cooperative)	Current	\$10,000
Hart Intercivic	Election supplies & equipment	City Clerk	State & County Bid Contract	Contract	\$35,000
Hewlett Packard authorized resellers	Software licenses, Computer Equipment/Printers and peripherals	All	OMNIA Partners, State of MI/REMC/NASPO (or less) Cooperative contracts	Current	\$125,000
Home Depot	Maintenance & Hardware Supplies	All	OMNIA Partners National Contract	Current	\$30,000
Kiesler Police Supply/Michigan Police Equipment & Vance Outdoors	Training & Duty Ammunition	Police	State of Michigan Contracts	Current	\$25,000
Kone Elevators	Elevator Maintenance & Repair	All	OMNIA Partners Contract	Current	\$12,000
Microfocus Retain	Email Archival View Only	IT	O.E.M vendor -Sole Source	Current	20,000

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Microsoft authorized resellers	Microsoft Software Licensing/ Maintenance & Support	All	OMNIA Partners, State of MI/REMC/NASPO contracts (or less)	Current	\$150,000
MobilEyes	Fire Inspection Software Support	Fire	O.E.M. vendor	2017	\$12,000
Oakland County	CLEMIS radio, electronic, radar, IT services & Police equipment installs	Police Fire	CLEMIS system services including installations	Current Agreement	\$250,000
Printing Systems	Election Supplies & Ballots	City Clerk	Oakland County Contract	Current	\$30,000
TAPCO, Inc.	Sign Shop Supplies	DPW	US Communities Contract	Current	\$20,000
Trelles Tire (formerly Goodyear)	Tires	DPW	State Bid Contract	Current	\$50,000
Vermont Systems	Recreation software maintenance/updates	Special Services	Sole Source O.E.M. vendor/ Original bid	N/A	\$25,000
VMware authorized resellers	Network Virtualization software maintenance/updates	IT	G2G, OMNIA Partners, State of MI/REMC/NASPO contracts (or less)	Current	\$50,000
Watch Guard	In-Car Camera System	Police	Clemis/Oakland County	Current	\$50,000

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6 - 0

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR GOLF UTILITY CARTS TO MIDWEST GOLF & TURF IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,277.00. CMR 6-20-75**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for three golf utility carts, including all specified options, to Midwest Golf & Turf in the amount of \$30,277.00.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6 - 0



**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR REPLACEMENT OF COMPRESSOR/BREATHING AIR RECHARGE SYSTEM AT FIRE STATIONS #5 AND #1 TO WEST SHORE FIRE INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,703.10. (CORRECTION) CMR 6-20-76**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to West Shore Fire, Inc. in the amount of \$88,703.10 including trade-in, two (2) years of maintenance and for replacement of the compressor/breathing air recharge systems for Fire Stations #1 and #5.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6 - 0

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF INCREASE TO CONTRACT FOR COSTICK CENTER NATATORIUM HEATING AND VENTILATION UPGRADES TO A/C BUILDING SYSTEMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,783. CMR 6-20-77**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to increase the purchase order for the upgrade of the HVAC system in the natatorium at the Costick Center to A/C Building Systems in the amount of \$24,783.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6 - 0

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR THE 2020 MULCH REPLACEMENT PROGRAM TO PROGRESSIVE IRRIGATION, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$46,345.00; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 6-20-78**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to sign the contract with Progressive Irrigation, Inc. on behalf of the City of Farmington Hills for an amount not to exceed \$46,345.00; with possible extensions.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6 - 0

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR THE 2020 PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM TO JV CONTRACTING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$168,320; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 6-20-79**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to sign a contract with JV Contracting, Inc. for the 2020 Pavement Marking Program in the amount of \$168,320; with possible extensions.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6 - 0

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE NARDIN PARK FOOD TRUCK DO GOOD DINNER EVENTS TO BE HELD ON JULY 8, 15, 22 AND 29, 2020.**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for the Nardin Park Food Truck Do Good Dinner Events to be held July 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2020 from 4pm-7pm per the application and map submitted and subject to the following terms and conditions:

- Emergency response shall not be restricted and emergency access shall be maintained on the western and eastern entrance to the site
- Fire lanes shall not be blocked or restricted other than the location marked “food truck” on the site plan
- Egress from the facility shall not be restricted
- Food trucks shall be located a minimum of 10’ from any structure
- Event shall comply with minimum Fire Prevention Code requirements
- Proponent must contact Fire Prevention prior to the beginning of the event to schedule a site inspection
- Plenty of parking shall be available for the event that is open to the public
- The applicant has not requested assistance from the Police Department at this time

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6 - 0

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2020.**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council regular session meeting minutes of June 8, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Massey, support by Steckloff, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 8:11pm.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Smith', written over a horizontal line.

Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk