

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER
JANUARY 9, 2023 – 7:30 PM

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Barnett at 7:37pm.

Council Members Present: Barnett, Boleware, Bridges, Bruce, Knol, Massey, and Newlin

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Valentine, Directors Brown, Kettler-Schmult, Mondora, Monico, Schnackel, Skrobola and Winn 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 Bridges, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR LORI BROWN

City Manager Mekjian introduced the City's new Human Resources Director, Lori Brown

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence acknowledged.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, to approve consent agenda items #6 and #7.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: KNOL

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-1.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, to approve consent agenda items #8 through #17.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bruce, to approve consent agenda items #18 and #19.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Residents Pam Gerald, Michael Sweeney and Bill Mentz all spoke about the Police Department Citizens Police Training Academy they all attended stating that it gave a glimpse into their world and by taking part in such trainings and events enables citizens to build relationships with the Police Department.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council made the following comments:

- January 9th is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and time to show appreciation to the accredited and reaccredited Farmington Hills Police Department
- A business outreach event was held January 6, 2023 - Business and Bagels
- Farmington Optimist Club is 40 years old and on January 21st they are holding a Bowl for Childhood Health and Wellness fundraising event
- Saturday from 9am-12noon at the Maxfield Training Center the Farmington Public Schools is looking for volunteers to assist children with their homework assignments as part of an ongoing program.
- January 16th is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and the city offices will be closed but there are several community events being held that day including several through the Farmington Community Library

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Mekjian provided the following update:

- Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, January 11th from 8am – 8pm at the Costick Activities Center
- City Hall will be closed on January 16th in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and residents can go to the Farmington Library website to view the programs scheduled for that day
- A joint meeting with the City Council and Planning Commission is scheduled for February 16th at 7:30pm
- The City Council meeting of March 27, 2023 will be rescheduled to either March 6th or 20th due to the National League of Cities conference.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 34, "ZONING," ARTICLE 5.0, "SITE STANDARDS," SECTION 5.7, "RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT OR TRAILERS," IN ORDER TO REVISE THE TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT OR TRAILERS MAY BE PARKED IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS FOR LOADING, UNLOADING AND MAINTENANCE.

Charmaine Kettler-Schmult, Planning and Community Development Director, explained that the proposed ordinance before City Council would extend the time frame for parking of recreational vehicles at a residents home for loading and unloading and maintenance from 24 hours to 72 hours. She noted that 72 hours seems to be the standard for most communities. The proposed amendment was reviewed by the Planning Commission at a public hearing meeting and the Planning Commission has recommended approval of the amendment to City Council.

Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing.

Pam Gerald, resident, asked for clarification on maintenance as she has seen residents servicing cars such as changing the oil, tires, etc., in their driveways and she thought there was another ordinance to prohibit this.

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

Director Kettler-Schmult stated that the ordinance would allow for routine maintenance but if there were concerns about oil spilling into the drive or roadways that may cause other concerns, that may be enforced upon.

Council inquired if the ordinance addressed people utilizing their recreational vehicles to house family members during special circumstances such as the pandemic. It was noted that the ordinance prohibits this practice; however, if there were extreme circumstances such as with the pandemic, the city would work with residents.

City Attorney Joppich added that if there were a wide-spread situation, the city could temporarily suspend an ordinance for extenuating circumstances as it did with businesses to allow for outdoor dining during the pandemic.

It was suggested that the city consider creating a list of ordinances that may need to be reviewed or amended quickly in the event of a wide-spread situation.

The issue of businesses not being able to park small box trucks/vans in a strip mall was mentioned and it was suggested that this could be a topic for the City Council goals session meeting.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an ordinance to amend the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34, "Zoning," Article 5.0, "Site Standards," Section 5.7, "Recreational Equipment or Trailers," in order to revise the time period during which recreational equipment or trailers may be parked in residential districts for loading, unloading and maintenance.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE C-1-2023 TO AMEND THE FARMINGTON HILLS CITY CODE, CHAPTER 4, "ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," AND ARTICLE II, "LICENSING," TO REVISE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPROVAL OF NEW ON-PREMISES LIQUOR LICENSES; AND APPROVAL OF SUMMARY FOR PUBLICATION.

City Attorney Joppich explained that this ordinance was before City Council at their last meeting for the first reading and amends the ordinance regarding liquor license regulations, which has not been amended in some time, to bring language into compliance with state language and conform to city procedures. He noted that there are no proposed changes to the ordinance since the first reading.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-1-2023 to amend the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 4, "Alcoholic Liquors," Article I, "In General," and Article II, "Licensing," to revise application requirements and procedures for the approval of new on-premises liquor licenses; and approval of summary for publication.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, TO PROVIDE FOR AMENDMENT OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND RETIREE HEALTHCARE BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND TO EXTEND CONSISTENT BENEFITS TO EXEMPT AND EXECUTIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY. CMR 1-23-01

Tom Skrobola, Director of Finance, explained that the ordinance was amended in December by City Council to provide for changes in retirement benefits and retiree healthcare for employees of various bargaining units, exempt and executive employees and tonight's proposed amendment would now extend those same benefits to employees of the AFSCME bargaining unit and 47th District Court employees.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an ordinance to amend the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, to provide for amendment of retirement benefits and retiree healthcare benefits in accordance with applicable collective bargaining agreements and to extend consistent benefits to exempt and executive employees of the City; per CMR 1-23-01.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-1.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR AFSCME LOCAL 1456. CMR 1-23-02

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Manager and Assistant City Manager be authorized to execute a modified Agreement with the AFSCME Local 1456, in accordance with the terms and conditions in the Tentative Settlement Agreement ratified by the parties and outlined in the City Manager's Report dated January 9, 2023, CMR 1-23-02.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-1.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO CITY MANAGER EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT. CMR 1-23-03

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves that Section 4 of the City Manager Employment Agreement shall be amended by the City's pension attorney and City Attorney to remove and replace all current text in Section 4 of the Agreement with the following text, and the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute said amendment to the Agreement; and

Effective January 9, 2023, the City Manager shall resume active membership in the City's Employee Retirement System. Such membership is mandated by the City as of the effective date and not by the City Manager's election. As of this effective date, the City will cease any City contributions that were made to ICMA-RC. Additionally, as of this effective date, the City shall commence contributions to the City Employee Retirement System on behalf of City Manager, in conformance with the provisions of the City Code establishing the system presently in effect or as may be amended from time to time.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-1.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF FARMINGTON'S RESOLUTION 12-22-033 THAT ESTABLISHES A COMMERCIAL TRUCK TURN PROHIBITION FROM NORTHBOUND FARMINGTON ROAD TO EASTBOUND GRAND RIVER AVENUE AND ESTABLISHES A DETOUR ROUTE FOR COMMERCIAL TRUCK TRAFFIC. CMR 1-23-04

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby supports Resolution 12-22-033 as approved by the City of Farmington that establishes a truck turn prohibition

from northbound Farmington Road to eastbound Grand River Avenue and establishes a detour route for commercial truck traffic.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH GFL ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING A TRASH CART OPTION. CMR 1-23-05

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Solid Waste Services Contract Amendment with GFL Environmental, Inc. for the purpose of adding a trash cart option and that the City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to sign on behalf of the City of Farmington Hills.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT FOR 2023 SPRING/SUMMER CITYWIDE PLANTING PROGRAM TO CRIMBOLI NURSERY INC. CMR 1-23-06

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the extension of the agreement with Crimboli Nursery Inc., for the 2023 Spring/Summer Citywide Planting Program; and

FURTHER RESOLVE the authorization of the City Manager and City Clerk to prepare and execute the extension of the agreement on behalf of the City of Farmington Hills and issue a purchase order for the same.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR WINDOW WASHING AT CITY HALL TO GLOBAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$10,000 PER YEAR WITH EXTENSIONS. CMR 1-23-07

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve purchase orders for window washing to Global Building Maintenance (woman owned) for an estimated amount of \$10,000.00 per year with one or more administration-approved extension not to exceed a total of four (4) additional one year extensions under the same terms and conditions upon mutual consent by the City and vendor.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR 2023 AS-NEEDED FENCE REPAIR PROGRAM TO RMD HOLDINGS IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000 PER YEAR WITH EXTENSIONS. CMR 1-23-08

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to RMD Holdings in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000 per year with one or more administration-approved extensions not to exceed a total of four (4) additional years, under the same terms and conditions, through mutual consent by the City of Farmington Hills and the vendor for the As-Needed Fence Repair Program.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR COPIER AND PRINTER MANAGEMENT TO APPLIED INNOVATIONS WITH GREAT AMERICAN FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD IN AN APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$155,000 PER YEAR WITH EXTENSIONS. CMR 1-23-09

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the lease agreement and purchase orders to Applied Innovations with Great American Financial Services for copier and printer management for a five year period in an approximate amount of \$155,00 per year as budgeted, with one or more administration-approved extensions not to exceed a total of two (2) under the same terms and conditions upon mutual consent by the City and vendor.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROPOSAL TO BS&A FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND SUBSCRIPTION OF AN ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING SOLUTION IN AN INITIAL AMOUNT OF \$490,265 WITH EXTENSIONS, AND APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROPOSAL TO ANDREWS TECHNOLOGY (UKG) FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND SUBSCRIPTION OF AN ADVANCED TIME AND ATTENDANCE SOLUTION IN AN INITIAL AMOUNT OF \$85,340 WITH EXTENSIONS. CMR 1-23-10

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement (subject to the City Attorneys negotiation of final terms & conditions) with BS&A for implementation and subscription of an Enterprise Resource Planning Solution in an initial amount of \$490,265 (implementation + zero dollars subscription during implementation) with one (1) or more administration-approved extensions of the subscription beginning year two at \$203,958 not to exceed five (5) under the same terms and conditions upon mutual consent by the City and vendor and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement (subject to the City Attorneys negotiation of final terms & conditions) with Andrews Technology (UKG) for implementation and subscription of an Advanced Time & Attendance Solution in an initial amount of \$85,340 (\$27,750 implementation + \$57,590 yearly subscription) with one (1) or more administration-approved extensions, of the subscription and maintenance not to exceed five (5) under the same terms and conditions upon mutual consent by the City and vendor.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF F550 HOOK-LOADING DUMP TRUCK, ADDITIONAL ATTACHMENTS AND SALT SPREADER WITH TRUCK AND TRAILER SPECIALTIES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$103,000, AND PURCHASE OF F550 TRUCK CHASSIS WITH LUNGHAMER FORD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,503. CMR 1-23-11

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Truck and Trailer Specialties of Dutton, MI, for an amount not to exceed \$103,000 for the purchase of F550 hook-loading dump truck, additional attachments and a salt spreader.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of Farmington Hills authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Lunghamer Ford (formerly Signature Ford) of Owosso, Michigan, for a total of \$57,503 for the purchase of an F550 truck chassis.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF INFRASTRUCTURE, IMPLEMENTATION AND CLOUD SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION FOR DISASTER RECOVERY AS A SERVICE TO ACCESS INTERACTIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,481 FOR ONE YEAR WITH EXTENSIONS; AND INITIAL SET UP OF THE SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,720. CMR 1-23-12

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign an agreement with and issue purchase orders to Access Interactive for one (1) year of Disaster Recovery as a Service in the amount of \$77,481 with one (1) or more administration-approved extensions not to exceed a total of five (5) under the same terms and conditions upon mutual consent by the City and vendor and authorize the City Manager to approve a purchase order for the initial set-up of the system in the amount of \$27,720.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF SETTING THE GOALS SESSION MEETING DATE OF JANUARY 21, 2023 AND JOINT MEETING DATE OF JANUARY 25, 2023.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby schedules the annual goals study session meeting for Saturday, January 21, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the community room at city hall; and affirms the special joint session meeting date of Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:00pm at the Maxfield Training Center.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2022.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of December 12, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2022.**

MOTION by Massey, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular session meeting minutes of December 12, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0-1.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

ATTORNEY REPORT

The attorney's report was received.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Massey, support by Bruce, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 8:30pm.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk