

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER
MARCH 20, 2023 – 7:30 PM

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Barnett at 7:31pm.

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

Council Members Absent: Bridges and Boleware

Others Present: City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Valentine, Director Sullen-Winn, 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 Bruce, support by Newlin, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

PRESENTATION FROM NORTH FARMINGTON AMERICAN RED CROSS CLUB

The following students from the North Farmington American Red Cross Club provided a presentation on blood donation and recognized the entire Red Cross Club for their participation:

Tejaswini Sivalokanathan, President
Angelina Sun, Vice President
Angelina Borisen
Sofia Hernandez
Simranjot Kaur

CORRESPONDENCE

Council acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Emails received regarding excessive power outages and down trees. Residents were reminded that yard waste pickup starts the first week of April and that the city is communicating with DTE to argue against any rate hikes until the infrastructure needs are met
- Email from the CEO of the Holocaust Center seeking support from the city to apply for a grant

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Bruce, support by Massey, to approve consent agenda items #4 and #6 - #12 as read.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BRUCE, KNOL, MASSEY AND NEWLIN

Nays: NONE

Absent: BOLEWARE AND BRIDGES

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Massey, to postpone consent agenda item #5, Award of proposal for As-Needed Media Buying and Consulting services to Emerald Media for one year in an estimated amount of \$150,000 with possible extension, to a date certain of May 22, 2023 following discussions on this item during budget study sessions.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There were no public questions or comments.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Councilmember comments or announcements.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Assistant City Manager Valentine provided the following update:

- Master Plan update process and noted there is a joint meeting with Planning Commission and City Council scheduled for April 20th to review strategic areas to be discussed as part of the Master Plan
- On March 24th at The Hawk from 6pm-9pm, Police Department representatives are taking on a Detroit-based organization, Royalty Empowerment, in a friendly game of basketball.
- On March 25th from 5pm-8pm, the Police Department is hosting a Safety and Crime Prevention Fair in the Black Box room at The Hawk and also hosting that same evening in Harrison Hall at The Hawk, a Community Conversation Forum on crime rates, community policing and various other topics.
- Pending Legislation relative to a bill package that will create a revenue sharing trust fund that will impact revenue that communities receive. This will establish dedicated funding from the sales tax guaranteed to communities going forward.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

MOTION by Massey, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the following appointments to boards and commissions:

Commission on Children, Youth & Families

Alisa Valden	Length of Term: Expired term	Term ending: February 1, 2026
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Alisa will fill the vacancy left by Diane Hague who resigned in November 2022.

Commission on Children, Youth & Families

Tanya Nordhaus	Length of Term: Unexpired term	Term ending: February 1, 2024
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Tanya will fill the vacancy left by Bette Rose who resigned in February 2023.

Emergency Preparedness Commission

Mark Forshee	Length of Term: Expired term	Term ending: February 1, 2026
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Mark will fill the vacancy left by Irwin Moyna who resigned in January 2021.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES TO CREATE THE 2024-2028 SPECIAL SERVICES FIVE YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN AND GRANT SUBMISSION ASSISTANCE TO LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000. CMR 3-23-42

MOTION by Bruce, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Landscape Architects & Planners for consultant services to create a Special Services five (5) year Parks and Recreation Master Plan and related reports in the amount of \$35,000.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR AS NEEDED MEDIA BUYING AND CONSULTING TO EMERALD MEDIA FOR ONE YEAR IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$150,000, WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 3-23-43

MOTION by Bruce, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby postpones award of proposal for as-needed media buying and consulting services to Emerald Media for one year in an estimated amount of \$150,000 with possible extension, to a date certain of May 22, 2023 following discussions on this item during budget study sessions.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR RECONNAISSANCE ROBOT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO TRANSCEND ROBOTICS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,495. CMR 3-23-44

MOTION by Bruce, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for the reconnaissance systems (Vantage Robot and Mini Vantage Robot) from Transcend Robotics, for \$39,495.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO WOLVERINE FIREWORKS DISPLAY, INC. TO HOLD A FIREWORK DISPLAY AT FRANKLIN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB ON MAY 28, 2023 (WITH A RAIN DATE OF MAY 29, 2023).

MOTION by Bruce, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a permit to be issued to Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc., to hold a Fireworks Display at the Franklin Hills Country Club on May 28, 2023 (rain date of May 29, 2023), as outlined on the application and request form submitted to the Fire Department and subject to the following conditions:

- The event shall comply with NFPA 1123, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), and Minimum Fire Prevention code requirements
- The minimum display site radius is being increased from 70' per inch to 100' per inch of mortars used during the display for an additional safety factor
- Based on the proposal of the show provided, proponent has committed to a minimum secured diameter of 1000' for the site
- Wolverine Fireworks shall be responsible for general cleanup after the display. Any unfired shells shall be properly packaged and disposed of according to the ATF. Franklin Hills Country Club has agreed to any remaining cleanup if necessary
- The City of Farmington Hills reserves the right to inspect the site prior to the event and/or cancel its recommendation of approval if it is determined that weather conditions or site conditions are not favorable for this event to occur
- Applicant is to provide documentation of ATF Clearance for one Pyrotechnic Assistant
- The City of Farmington Hills reserves the right to cancel its recommendation of approval if it is determined that weather conditions or site conditions are not favorable for this event to occur
- Applicant is not requesting any assistance from the Police Department at this time
- All parking will be on-site at Franklin Hills Country Club and will be away from the fireworks display
- This event is not open to the general public and will be open for members only to park onto the property

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO PYROTECNICO FIREWORKS, INC. TO HOLD A FIREWORK DISPLAY AT FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS PARK ON JULY 6, 2023 (WITH A RAIN DATE OF JULY 7, 2023)

MOTION by Bruce, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a permit to be issued to Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc., to hold a Fireworks Display at the Farmington Hills Sports Park on July 6, 2023 (rain date of July 7, 2023), as outlined on the application and subject to the following conditions:

- The event shall comply with NFPA 1123, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), and Minimum Fire Prevention code requirements
- Fireworks shall be transported to the site on the day of the event. No on-site storage shall be permitted.
- Based on the site diagram provided, the launch area has been identified as the baseball fields. This area shall be closed to the public. If the circle of safety is breached, the fireworks show shall stop until unauthorized personnel are removed from the launch/fallout area
- Driver's licenses of additional technician's to be named shall be provided to the Fire Department prior to the event. The Fire Department will verify all technicians are named on the ATF notice of clearance document provided by Pyrotecnico Fireworks Inc.
- Pyrotecnico Fireworks shall be responsible for general cleanup after the display. Any unfired shells shall be properly packaged and disposed of according to the ATF
- The City of Farmington Hills reserves the right to cancel its recommendation of approval if it is determined that weather conditions or site conditions are not favorable for this event to occur
- The applicant is not requesting assistance from the Police Department at this time
- No public parking or spectators will be allowed on-site at the Farmington Hills Sports Park during the fireworks display. The public will be allowed to observe the fireworks at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CHARTER FOR A BUILDING ASSISTANT WITH THE SPECIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills approves the request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Charter for Madison Montgomery as a

Building Assistant in the Special Services Department. Madison is the granddaughter of Deborah Montgomery, who is a Healthy Living Coach at The Hawk.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BARNETT, BRUCE, KNOL, MASSEY AND NEWLIN
Nays: NONE
Absent: BOLEWARE AND BRIDGES
Abstentions: NONE
MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CHARTER FOR A HAWK CONCESSIONS ATTENDANT.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills approves the request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Charter for Jack Mondora as a Hawk Concessions Attendant in the Special Services Department. Jack is the son of Karen Mondora, who is the Director of the Department of Public Services.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2023.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of March 13, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2023.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular session meeting minutes of March 13, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 7:57pm.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk