

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
APRIL 9, 2018 – 7:30 PM
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Massey at 7:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Bridges, Bruce Knol, Lerner, Massey, Rich and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith Assistant City Manager Mekjian, Directors Mondora, Monico and Schnackel, Police Chief Nebus, Fire Chief Unruh and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fire Lieutenant Jamie Neufeld led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Bridges, support by Knol, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION TIP OF THE MONTH

The following Tip of the Month was read by resident, Tom Rancour:

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
TIP OF THE MONTH
APRIL 2018**

This month the Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Commission is emphasizing knowledge, understanding and preparedness for chemical and biological hazardous events.

Every year, the Farmington Hills Fire Department responds to a number of situations involving hazardous material spills. Most of these are a result of vehicle accidents involving automotive fluids such as gasoline, diesel fuel, oil and antifreeze.

During a hazardous material incident involving danger to the public, an order may be given to evacuate. Be sure to have all-hazards supply (72 hr.) kit, family communication plan, and stay tuned to local radio or television station for information and instructions from local health officials. Every situation can be different, so local emergency coordinators might have special instructions for you to follow. Listen carefully to radio or television emergency alert stations (EAS), and strictly follow instructions. Be prepared to act quickly and follow official instructions, your life could depend on it.

Chemical exposures are not always large events and often happen at home. Fertilizers, cleaners, and other household toxins can result in accidental exposure. If you come in contact with a hazardous chemical:

- Quickly remove clothing that has a chemical on it. Any clothing that has to be pulled over your head should be cut off instead of being pulled over your head.

- As quickly as possible, wash any chemicals from your skin with large amounts of soap and water.
- If your eyes are burning or your vision is blurred, rinse your eyes with plain water for 10 to 15 minutes.
- Call 911 and seek medical attention.

If you witness (or smell) a hazardous materials accident, please call 9-1-1 immediately. Stay away from the incident site. Try to stay upstream, uphill and upwind from the accident, and evacuate the danger area. If you are in a car, keep car windows and vents closed and shut off the air conditioner and heater.

For more information visit the EPC information site at: www.FHReady.com.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 8-14, 2018 AS SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Knol and accepted by Fire Lieutenant Jamie Neufeld:

**PROCLAMATION
Severe Weather Awareness Week
April 8 – 14, 2018**

WHEREAS, Governor Rick Snyder and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson have declared the week of April 8 – 14, 2018 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland County Homeland Security Division will be engaged in various public education efforts during Severe Weather Awareness Week to help minimize the loss of life and destruction of property that can result from severe weather; and

WHEREAS, to further raise the awareness level of severe weather safety and to promote tornado safety preparedness, Oakland County will conduct a special test of its Outdoor Warning System sirens on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 1 p.m.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 8 – 14, 2018 as **Severe Weather Awareness Week** in Farmington Hills and encourage all residents, schools, and businesses to test their severe weather action plans to ensure the safety of everyone in our community.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 22, 2018 AS EARTH DAY

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Bridges and accepted by Hannah Fogarty, Special Services:

**PROCLAMATION
Earth Day
April 22, 2018**

WHEREAS, the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, with the goal of inspiring environmental awareness and encouraging the conservation and protection of our nation's natural resources; and

- WHEREAS,** the global community now faces extraordinary challenges, such as global health issues, food and water shortages, and economic struggles; and
- WHEREAS,** all people, regardless of race, gender, income or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment; and
- WHEREAS,** Farmington Hills is committed to creating a sustainable community and economy based on conservation, environmental protection, energy efficiency, and clean energy; and
- WHEREAS,** through the efforts and outreach of the Sustainability Coordinator, the City will continue to provide information and resources to help local businesses and residents make more sustainable choices regarding energy, water, food, and the environment; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Farmington Hills will be celebrating Earth Day on April 22 at Heritage Park with information about events and activities available on the City's website at www.fhgov.com.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 22, 2018 as **Earth Day** in the City of Farmington Hills, and call upon our residents, businesses, institutions, and community leaders to celebrate the Earth and commit to building a more sustainable community.

**PRESENTATION BY SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SEMCOG)
AND PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEMCOG'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Rich and accepted by Amy Malmer, SEMCOG Membership Manager:

PROCLAMATION
Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)
In Recognition of 50 Years of Regional Excellence

- WHEREAS,** the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) was formed in 1968 as a voluntary council for the seven-county region of Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2018, the organization is celebrating 50 years of accomplishments and a strong dedication to regional planning and collaboration, setting the course for the bright future of Southeast Michigan; and
- WHEREAS,** at its inception, SEMCOG started with 59 charter members including the City of Farmington Hills, and it has now grown to encompass more than 170 members including cities, villages, townships, intermediate school districts, community colleges, and all seven counties; and
- WHEREAS,** SEMCOG's primary functions are to assist member governments and encourage informed decision making, provide insightful data analysis, promote the efficient use of dollars for infrastructure investment, develop regional solutions that go beyond individual government boundaries, and to advocate on behalf of Southeast Michigan in Lansing and Washington; and

WHEREAS, SEMCOG's efforts have been instrumental in enhancing traffic safety, improving air quality, connecting people to jobs, and promoting business growth and entrepreneurship throughout the entire region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize and extend appreciation to **SEMCOG** for the organization's contributions to the quality of life in Southeast Michigan as we join in celebrating their 50th anniversary and look toward opportunities for future growth and accomplishments.

Grant Brooks, representing SEMCOG, provided a presentation to City Council on the functions and responsibilities of SEMCOG.

PRESENTATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Police Chief Nebus provided the Police Department 2017 Annual Report.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Rich on Human Trafficking, Police Chief Nebus responded that the Department was trained in that area in 2016 and most incidents they have seen are drug related and have not involved residents of Farmington Hills.

Council commended the Chief's focus on training and community policing and for keeping the City a safe city.

PRESENTATION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Fire Chief Unruh presented the Fire Department 2017 Annual Report.

Fire Chief Unruh also mentioned that the Open House being held on September 30, 2018, will be a joint effort with the Fire and Police Departments and City Hall participating.

The Fire Department was commended members of Council for their efforts in keeping the city safe and both the Police and Fire Departments were commended on their fine personnel in spite of difficulty recruiting and for their community connections.

Councilmember Lerner mentioned that the Fire Department was now conducting CPR training in the schools and training approximately 900-1,000 students each year.

Councilmember Bridges inquired about initiatives to sustain the Fire Department's combined system of Paid On Call (POC) and Career firefighters.

Chief Unruh responded that all departments are experiencing difficulty retaining their POC but they are continuing their recruitment efforts and at the same time vetting applicants and selecting those they feel will carry on the demands of the Fire Department.

CORRESPONDENCE

Councilmember Steckloff acknowledged emails and calls received regarding a letter from Friends of the Library and commented that the City Council does have a copy of the Library's financial audit that they provided to the city.

Councilmember Rich acknowledged the same correspondence from the Friends of the Library and also correspondence from a resident regarding the smell of marijuana, which she turned over to the City Manager's Office.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Bruce, to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Sharon Snodgrass, resident, expressed concern and questioned the process for appointments to boards and commissions including how long applications are maintained and if there is any follow up with those residents who are not reappointed. She suggested that this process is reviewed and updated by Council.

Mayor Massey addressed the questions posed by Ms. Snodgrass explaining the appointment process and follow up with applicants.

Elyse Streit, Farmington Community Library Director, was present and speaking on behalf of the Library and Friends of the Library who were present at the meeting. Ms. Streit expressed that she was perplexed with what has occurred regarding the library. She explained that the library is a separate taxing authority and self-governing and that the City Councils have no authority over the library budget or operations. Ms. Streit outlined discussions held at several study session meetings between the Library Board and Farmington Hills City Council and subsequent discussions with the Mayor about why a member of the Library Board was not reappointed and the appointment process. She discussed the accomplishments and cost saving measures of the Library Board and stated that she hopes going forward they can all put any differences aside and work together. She acknowledged supporters of the Library who were present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following comments and/or announcements were made by Council:

- Welcomed and congratulated Anna's House restaurant that recently opened in Farmington Hills

In light of the public comments, considerable discussion was held by City Council regarding a complaint brought forth to Council regarding the Library, Council's request to the Library Board for budget information, the roles of the Library and City Council and the process of appointing board/commission members.

Councilmembers Rich and Steckloff indicated that they still had not received the information requested by Councilmember Rich regarding appointees and expressed concern over the appointment process.

Mayor Massey explained the appointment process and decisions made. He stated that Council wanted to be able to answer questions relating to the Library so they requested more information, particularly on the

budget. He added that the President of the Library Board of Trustees has offered to meet with both cities in an effort to work together and he accepts that offer.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Boyer mentioned the following:

- Thanked the volunteers who assisted with the Senior Division Appreciate lunch
- Yard waste pickup started today and will last through the week of December 3, 2018
- Art Festival Free Family Day is April 14, 2018 from 10-4pm at the Costick Center.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT TO THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Kathie Brown to the Beautification Commission with a term ending February 1, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED 6-1 (Rich opposed)

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE ISKCON TEMPLE INAUGURATION EVENT TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18TH THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018.

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for Iskcon Temple located at 36600 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, to hold their Inauguration Event on Wednesday, April 18th through Sunday, April 22nd from 9am-9pm, subject to the following conditions:

- There will be a sound system in one of the tents used for speaking and announcements; the applicant has been advised of the City noise ordinance and will comply
- There will be no goods or merchandise for sale at this event
- With permission of management, at 24155 Drake Road, 36500 Corporate Drive and 34500 Grand River Ave, attendees will park at these locations and be shuttled to the event
- The applicant has not asked for assistance from the Police Department as this time
- There will be no parking within 20' of any tent; the west drive shall remain clear from Grand River to Lochdale for emergency vehicles
- There is a shaded area at the northwest corner of the property without a description; this area shall remain clear of any obstruction for emergency vehicle access (from Grand River to Lochdale)
- Egress from the facility is not restricted
- Fire lane shall not be blocked or restricted; temporary "NO PARKING FIRE LANE" signs shall be put up along Lochdale and Independence Office Drive from 4/18/18 to 4/22/18
- Cooking/open flame devices shall not be used under tents
- Any electrical equipment is approved by the City Electrical Inspector
- Minimum means of egress widths must comply with Table 3303.12.2 (IFC 2015)
- Tents require NFPA 701 flame resistance label affixed to panels/canopy
- Proponent must contact Fire Prevention prior to beginning event to schedule a site inspection
- Event shall comply with the minimum Fire Prevention Code Requirements

- Construction for the dome installation shall not take place during the event and all construction materials must be removed from site

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR MOWING OF CITY FACILITIES TO GREEN MEADOWS LAWNSCAPE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,956.00; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 4-18-29

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for grass mowing to Green Meadows Lawnscape for a one (1) year term in the amount of \$33,956.00 and for four (4) additional one year terms upon mutual consent of the City and vendor.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT) FOR THE 9 MILE ROAD AND HALSTED ROAD INTERSECTION SIGNAL MODERNIZATION AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. CMR 4-18-30

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and City Clerk to enter into Agreement #18-5082 on behalf of the City with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the 9 Mile Road and Halsted Road Intersection Signal Modernization and Intersection Improvement Project.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CANCELING THE MAY 28, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby cancels the regular City Council meeting of May 28, 2018.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2018.

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of March 26, 2018 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2018.

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of March 26, 2018 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The City Attorney's report was received by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Massey adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 10:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk