

MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING (VIA TELECONFERENCE)  
OCTOBER 19, 2020 – 7:30 PM  
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Barnett via teleconference at 7:30pm.

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

Council Members Absent: Massey

Others Present: City Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Mekjian, Directors Monico, Randle, Schnackel and Seimer, 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 Knol, support by Boleware, to approve the agenda as published.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: MASSEY

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**PROCLAMATION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY POLICING IN FARMINGTON HILLS**

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Boleware:

**PROCLAMATION**

*Honoring Community Policing in Farmington Hills*

**WHEREAS,** police officers are indispensable members of the community who put their lives on the line to protect others; and

**WHEREAS,** promoting strong relationships founded in trust and mutual respect between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve helps ensure the safe and effective execution of the law; and

**WHEREAS,** law enforcement officers and communities that work together to address public safety concerns can create lasting solutions to difficult challenges; and

**WHEREAS,** a long-term commitment to community policing is necessary to eliminate the underlying causes of crime; and

**WHEREAS,** the advancement of community policing must be supported through programs like the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services of the Department of Justice to ensure that State and local law enforcement agencies have necessary resources; and

**WHEREAS,** community policing has been recognized as an important tool for improving the relationship between law enforcement officers and the communities they serve.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Vicki Barnett, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of City Council, do hereby honor and recognize **Community Policing in Farmington Hills**, and encourage our citizens, our elected officials, and our Police Department to identify ways in which communities may improve public safety, strengthen relationships, and increase trust.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

- Letter from Carol Boynton, Winterset Circle, expressing concern with water from a sump pump draining into her yard. It was noted that city staff was addressing the issue with a temporary fix until they are able to work with the homeowner on this matter.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, to approve the Consent Agenda items #4 through #6.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Newlin, to approve the Consent Agenda item #7.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1-2.

### **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

There were no public questions or comments.

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

The following council member comments and announcements were made:

- Congratulations to the Fire Department for their recent success and for being a professional department
- Free flu shots are available at the Costick Center on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1pm sponsored by Oakland County.

**CITY MANAGER UPDATE:**

City Manager Boyer provided the following update:

- October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am -2pm is Prescription Drug Take-Back Day at the Police Department
- Reminder to all residents to change the batteries in their smoke detectors and turn their clocks back an hour for Daylight Savings Time this Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CITY CLERK UPDATE:**

City Clerk Smith provided an update on Election deadlines, extended hours for Election-related business, absentee ballots statistics to date and reminded voters in Precinct 26 of the polling location change from Farmington Community School to Tawheed Center on Ten Mile Road.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.**

MOTION by Knol, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to reappoint and appoint the following individuals to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority:

	<b>Length of Term:</b>	<b>Term ending:</b>
Thomas Skrobola	3-years	February 1, 2024
Barry Brickner	3-years	February 1, 2024
Jackie Boleware	Unexpired Term	February 1, 2022

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDED AUTHORIZATION OF HIGH SCORE LOUNGE, LLC (HSE) CONCESSION AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES. CMR 10-20-104**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve the Concession Agreement with High Score Lounge, LLC (HSE) with the City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**RECOMMENDED AUTHORIZATION OF CONSULTANT SERVICES PERFORMED BY MAKER WORKS FOR THE FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER (THE HAWK MAKERSPACE) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000. CMR 10-20-105**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Maker Works for Makerspace Consultant Services for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR AS NEEDED LOW VOLTAGE CABLING, RELATED SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT TO HI-TECH SYSTEM SERVICES IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FOR A ONE YEAR TERM; WITH EXTENSIONS. CMR 10-20-106**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Boleware, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve all budgeted purchase orders to Hi-Tech System Services for As Needed Low Voltage Cabling, Related Services and Equipment in an estimated amount of \$25,000 for a one (1) year term and for four (4) additional one (1) year terms at a 5% increase per year (beginning at year 2) under the same terms and conditions upon mutual consent of the City and vendor.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2020.**

MOTION by Bridges, support by Newlin, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council regular session meeting minutes of September 28, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1-2.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

None

**ATTORNEY REPORT**

City Council received the Attorney Report.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF ENTERING INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE IAFF, TEAMSTERS AND DISPATCH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS (NOTE: COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CLOSED SESSION).**

MOTION by Knol, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering into a closed session to discuss the IAFF, Teamsters and Dispatch collective bargaining agreements.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Council entered back into open session to close the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Knol, support by Bridges, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 8:06pm.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk