

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 – 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, Boleware, Bridges, Bruce, Knol, Massey, and Newlin

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Valentine, Directors Schnackel and Skrobola, Fire Chief Unruh and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fire Chief Unruh led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA

MOTION by Massey, support by Newlin, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 9-15, 2022 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Massey and accepted by Staff Lieutenant Firment:

**PROCLAMATION
Fire Prevention Week
October 9 – 15, 2022
“Fire Won’t Wait. Plan Your Escape.”**

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the Farmington Hills Fire Department is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those who live in our City or visit our community; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) campaign theme, “Fire Won’t Wait. Plan Your Escape.” reinforces the critical importance of developing a home escape plan and practicing it regularly; and

WHEREAS, according to NFPA data, your home - the place where people feel safest - is actually where you are at greatest fire risk, with 74% of all U.S. fire deaths occurring in homes; and

WHEREAS, today’s homes burn faster and hotter than they used to, minimizing the amount of time to escape safely, with as little as two minutes to get out from the time the smoke alarm sounds in a typical home fire; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department urges everyone to develop a home escape plan with all members of the household, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, firefighters emphasize the need for at least two ways out of every room, an outside meeting place a safe distance from your home, and home fire drill practice at least twice a year, both during the day and at night; and

WHEREAS, Farmington Hills Firefighter/Paramedics are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries and join with the NFPA in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, the nation's longest-running public health observance on record.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Vicki Barnett, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October 9 – 15, 2022 as **Fire Prevention Week** in the City of Farmington Hills, and urge all citizens to follow the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme “Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape.”

Staff Lieutenant thanked City Council and staff for the proclamation and reflected on the history of Fire Prevention Week.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2022 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The following Proclamation was read by Councilmember Boleware and accepted by Fire Chief Unruh:

**PROCLAMATION
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October 2022**

WHEREAS, since approximately 1 in 8 U.S. women (about 13%) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of their lifetime, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the U.S., except for skin cancer, and breast cancer death rates are higher than those for any other cancer except for lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, there will be an estimated 287,850 new cases of invasive breast cancer diagnosed in women, 2,710 cases diagnosed in men, and an additional 51,400 cases of cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer diagnosed in women, with an estimated 43,250 women and 530 men dying from breast cancer this year alone; and

WHEREAS, the overall five-year relative survival rate is 99% for localized disease, 85% for regional disease, and 27% for distant-stage disease, with overall mortality rates declining due to increased awareness, treatment advances, and earlier detection through mammography screening, which is the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancerous long before physical symptoms become apparent; and

WHEREAS, there are over 3.8 million women living in the U.S. today with a history of breast cancer including women currently being treated and those who have finished undergoing treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Vicki Barnett, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and encourage everyone to become aware of their risk for breast cancer, undergo regular screenings for early detection, and if diagnosed, talk to their health care providers about available treatment options.

PRESENTATION OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS SHIRTS TO CITY COUNCIL BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Robin Chevrette, Career Firefighter, presented City Council with the new design of the Breast Cancer Awareness shirts and explained how they could be purchased to support the cause.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence acknowledged.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, to approve consent agenda as read.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

There were no public questions or comments.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council made the following comments and announcements:

- Councilmembers Bridges and Massey attended the Optimist Club installation dinner
- Farmington SAFE Resource Fair to be held on October 12th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at City Hall
- Complimented the Library on their Extravaganza Event

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Mekjian made the following comments:

- The cannabis public outreach sessions will be held on October 3rd at 6pm and October 4th at 9am at City Hall
- The city-wide open house will take place October 8th from Noon-3pm

Mayor Barnett added that there would be no meeting next Monday as the regular meeting had been rescheduled to this evening due to Rosh Hashanah.

CONSENT AGENDA

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE 2023 AUTO THEFT PREVENTION ACT
SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY. CMR 9-22-84**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City to execute the Oakland County Auto Theft Program Subrecipient Agreement and any associated documents or agreements.

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 A WHEEL LOADER TO AIS
CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$217,156. CMR 9-22-85**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to AIS Construction Equipment of New Hudson, Michigan, in the amount of \$217,156, which reflects the trade-in of vehicle #259 for \$120,000 and paving equipment for \$29,000.

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 HOSPITALITY LINENS RENTAL
AND CLEANING SERVICES TO SOHN LINEN SERVICES IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF
\$20,000 PER YEAR; WITH EXTENSIONS. CMR 9-22-86**

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign an agreement and issue purchase orders for Hospitality Linens – Rental & Cleaning Service to Sohn Linen Services for an estimated amount of \$20,000 per year with one or more administration-approved extension not to exceed a total of three (3) 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 REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CHARTER FOR A GUEST SERVICES POSITION.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Charter for Alicia Bias for a Guest Services position in the Special Services Department. Alicia is the spouse of Norman Bias, who is a Gym Coordinator in the Special Services Department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

There were no additions to the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS FOR TEAMSTERS AND INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS (IAFF) (NOTE: COUNCIL WILL RETURN TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CLOSED SESSION TO TAKE ACTION IF NEEDED AND TO CLOSE THE MEETING).

Mayor Barnett announced that City Council will return to open session immediately following the closed session to take action if needed, and to close the regular meeting.

MOTION by Knol, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering into a closed session to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreements for Teamsters and International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF).

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council entered back into regular session immediately following the closed session at 8:53pm.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Bridges, support by Massey, to adjourn the regular session City Council meeting at 8:53pm.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk