

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 – 7:30 PM
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER**

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

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

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Boyer, Directors Gardiner, Geinzer, Lasley, Schnackel, Police Chief Nebus and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Miss Farmington, Emma Feehley, led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

PRESENTATION BY EMMA FEEHLEY, MISS FARMINGTON

Mr. Gino Gabrinski, one of the Executive Directors of the Miss Farmington Educational Program thanked the City of Farmington Hills for their participation in the 2014 Miss Farmington Pageant. Mr. Gabrinski stated that the organization likes to give back to the community and this year there will be donation to the Governor Warner Mansion. He then introduced 2014 Miss Farmington, Emma Feehley.

Miss Feehley thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support of the Miss Farmington Program. She stated that she is looking forward to the coming year with all of the events and experiences in which she will participate. She read an essay she wrote explaining her platform and service she provided to the community. She indicated that last year she started a dance charity for young children and had an opportunity to work with Neighborhood House, an organization dedicated to providing food and financial support to seniors and families in need. She invited everyone to her fundraiser on November 7, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. that will benefit the Neighborhood House.

Councilmember Steckloff congratulated Miss Feehley and commented on how proud she is of the young women involved in the organization.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 11, 2014 AS THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL

**PROCLAMATION
The International Day of the Girl
Read by: Councilmember Steckloff
October 11, 2014**

- WHEREAS,** equality and universal access to education for every girl and boy are among the United Nations Millennium Development Goals supported by 189 countries including the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** the United Nations established October 11 as the annual International Day of the Girl Child, which is supported and co-sponsored by the United States and 97 other countries; and
- WHEREAS,** the International Day of the Girl campaign calls on communities across the globe to recognize that girls worldwide face many injustices such as discrimination, gender stereotypes, child marriage, and lack of education; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Farmington Hills joins the United Nations, the Girl Scouts of America, and other organizations in support of increasing girls' participation in sports, science and math-related activities; in promoting a higher high school graduation rate; and in providing equal opportunities for all girls by speaking out against gender-based injustices, by celebrating the potential of all girls, and by encouraging all girls to pursue their dreams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Barry Brickner, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize October 11, 2014 as **The International Day of the Girl** and urge all residents to become aware of girls' rights and to celebrate the empowerment of girls throughout the world.

The proclamation was accepted by Ms. Tracy Walker. Ms. Walker explained the Global Sew-a-thon Program which is the program the Girl Scouts are working with this year.

COMMISSION FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY "TIP OF THE MONTH"

**Commission for Energy and Environmental Sustainability
Tip of the Month – Read by Randy Bruce
September 22, 2014**

The City of Farmington Hills advanced to the quarterfinals of the \$5 million Georgetown University Energy Prize (GUEP) competition, which challenges communities to create and employ plans for improvement of energy efficiency. Farmington Hills was one out of 52 communities that hail from all over the country chosen to proceed in the competition. These communities have the potential to save more than \$1 billion in energy costs and cut millions of tons of CO2 emissions.

Participation from community members is essential during the competition. There are various ways you can play a role. For example – discover your own energy usage.

Residents can download the free DTE Insight app provided by DTE Energy that allows its electric customers to better understand how they use and manage their energy. DTE Insight links customers' smartphones to their home's advanced electric meter to help them discover their energy usage.

DTE Insight offers:

- A view of the daily electricity usage of customers' home and the energy consumption patterns of their family.

- Energy-saving projects and tips to explore ways to save.
- Weekly challenges designed to engage and provide rewards for saving energy.
- The PowerScan Tool for iPhone users to scan an electrical appliances' power cords to instantly see the energy being consumed and an estimate of its monthly costs.

Want even more data? You can request an "Energy Bridge" through the app's tools menu. The DTE Energy Bridge provides customers with a real-time-view of how much and when your home is using energy. Customers will see the daily energy peaks and patterns so they can take meaningful action to reduce energy usage.

As the community's Energy Savings Plan is developed, residents can help guide the plan by completing a short survey at www.sustainablefh.gov.

REPORTS BY OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DWYER AND JACKSON

County Commissioner Jackson stated that they are here to update residents on what is happening in Oakland County but also for the Public Hearing on the Grand River Corridor Project.

County Commissioner Dwyer apologized on behalf of Commissioner Gershenson who was unable to attend the meeting. He added that Farmington and Farmington Hills staff met with the Commissioners regarding the Grand River Corridor Improvement project and all three commissioners are in support and when this plan goes before the Board the TIFA Board, the cities will also have the support at that time.

Commissioner Dwyer added that the Commission approved the three year budget last week with no increases in taxes.

Commissioner Jackson added that at the last Commission meeting there was a presentation from city leaders throughout the County concerning the newly formed Great Lakes Water Authority. She stated that the Commission received a comprehensive report on what to expect and mentioned that there is a report and Frequently Asked Questions on the Oakland County website. She feels that the majority of the Commission is in favor of this Authority. The City of Detroit has already approved this plan and it will come before Oakland County at the next meeting of October 8, 2014. Commissioner Jackson stated that there will be a Town Hall meeting on this subject on October 1, 2014 at Farmington Hills City Hall.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

- E-mail regarding sidewalk conditions

CONSENT AGENDA

Regarding Item #12, Consideration of Employment, Councilmember Bridges inquired about the percentage of employees that are related.

City Manager Brock stated that it is a small percentage, but he would get a figure from staff to provide to Council.

Councilmember Bridges also inquired if the employee to be hired is a Farmington Hills resident, how long the sister (current employee) has been employed by the City and how long the position has been open.

Director of Special Services Schnackel responded that the employee they are requesting to hire is not a Farmington Hills resident, the current employee was just recently hired by the City. She added that the

position of life guard is very hard to fill and the Recreation Department is almost always hiring for that position.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, to approve the Consent Agenda as published.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Stan Sczecienski, Kennedy Street, stated that he read in the Observer an article regarding a leash ordinance that is being considered. He stated that he has an electric fence for his dog and expressed concern with having to have your dog on a leash at all times when outside.

Mayor Brickner clarified that this ordinance would not require a leash for animals when they are on their own property. He added that the requested change was to address some language in the ordinance that currently allows for animals to only be under the “oral control” of their owner while off of their own property.

COUNCIL MEMBER’S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

- Call to Action Coalition meeting will be held on October 3, 2014 at the Costick Center
- On September 21, 2014 the Finnish Center held their 40th Anniversary celebration
- Election news with regard to deadlines for registering, obtaining an absent voter ballot and extended hours during October.
- Farmington Road and I-96 are both open in both directions

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Brock provided the following update:

- 14 Mile at Orchard Lake Road and Northwestern Hwy is closed and still under construction
- In conjunction with Waste Management, the City is still picking up storm debris from a couple of weeks ago. He reminded residents to bundle the debris as they do yard waste.
- Gina Irene, Farmington Hills resident and runner up on American Idol, sang an amazing rendition of the National Anthem at the Lions – Packers game on September 21st

PUBLIC HEARINGS

**PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF THE GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR
IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCE PLAN
CMR 9-14-91**

Assistant to the City Manager Geinzer provided the following history and summary of the Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan:

In early 2010, the City of Farmington Hills and Farmington were awarded a grant through the Land Information Access Association's (LIAA) Partnerships for Change: Sustainable Communities Program to look at a joint Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) along Grand River Avenue. The Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority was enacted October 10, 2011 and Tax Increment Financing was identified by the CIA Board as a preferred funding mechanism. The Grand River Vision Plan was assembled and adopted on August 22, 2013 to help shape the development and Tax Increment Finance Plan required by statute and was approved and forwarded to City Council, August 13, 2014.

Tax Increment Financing allows for the capture of the growth in taxable value above and beyond a base line once it is established. If all of the taxing units participate it is estimated the proposed Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan would raise \$11.7 million over the 30 year life of the plan. Funds would be used to invest in a number of economic development projects.

Public Notice was provided per the requirements of the Act. Following the Public Hearing affected taxing jurisdictions have 60 days to file a resolution to "opt out" and exempt the collection of the tax increment.

Councilmember Bridges inquired about the status of the Authorities and how it would impact the plan if they were to opt out.

Mr. Geinzer stated that his conversations with all of the taxing jurisdictions have been very positive. He noted that the Huron-Clinton MetroParks provided a letter indicating that they were going to opt out; however, even if they did that through the required resolution, it represents a very small percentage of the amount to be captured and would not have that great of an impact.

City Manager Brock commented that the Oakland County Public Transit Authority is taking no action, which means they can be included as part of the plan.

Councilmember Steckloff questioned how the new legislation regarding Tax Increment Financing (TIF) could affect the plan.

Mr. Geinzer responded that he has only seen early drafts of this legislation. He feels that the legislation as he read it would have more of an impact on older TIFS. He noted that most of the discussion involved around transparency and the cities have been very transparent about this project and proposed plan. He stated that the plan has been out on the website at www.fhgov.com/grandriver.

Mayor Brickner added that the plan proposes a 75% capture of funds, which is based on taxes already being paid. The plan would not affect individual's taxes, but only the taxing authorities.

Mayor Brickner opened the Public Hearing. He closed the Public Hearing as there was nobody present wishing to speak.

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 23149 COMMERCE ROAD CMR 9-14-92

City Manager Brock stated that the Farmington Hills Economic Development Corporation (EDC), at a Special Meeting held on August 20, 2014, recommended that City Council approve the personal property tax abatement for 7 years for CEP BioCoat.

Mr. Keith Wasilenski, representative of Orchid Ortho Solutions, which is the parent company of CEP BioCoat, stated that they are one of the leading contract manufacturers in orthopedic implant devices. He

explained that they specialize in hips and knees and they are a full turn-key solution for orthopedic implants. The company is currently located in Southfield in three (3) facilities; and they are moving to the Farmington Hills location at 23149 Commerce Road, which represents approximately a 60% increase in manufacturing capabilities. Mr. Wasilenski stated that they are expecting 140 employees to be employed at this location. The work that will be performed at the Farmington Hills facility will be grinding, polishing, and adding some special coatings that allow the bone and muscle tissue to grow within the actual device. The work will also include sterilization, packaging, and shipping.

Councilmember Bridges asked about the \$2 million investment and if all of that equipment will be in Farmington Hills.

Mr. Wasilenski stated that there will be approximately \$5 million worth of equipment at the Farmington Hills facility, with \$2 million in new equipment under the abatement plus \$3 million of equipment that will be transferred from Southfield to the Farmington Hills facility.

Mayor Brickner opened the Public Hearing. He closed the Public Hearing as there was nobody present wishing to speak.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills hereby adopts a resolution that the following described parcel of land situated in the City of Farmington Hills, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, to wit:

Parcel ID #22-23-30-401-043 – 23149 Commerce Road

is established as an Industrial Development District pursuant to the provisions of PA 198 of 1974, as amended.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR CEP BIOCOAT,LLC AT 23149 COMMERCE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS CMR 9-14-92

City Manager Brock stated that this request is to approve the tax abatement, which would most likely be a small amount based on Proposal 1 passing at the August Primary that eliminated Personal Property Tax after this year. He stated that the abatement would most likely end up being for a one year period.

Mayor Brickner opened the Public Hearing. He closed the Public Hearing as there was nobody present wishing to speak.

MOTION by Massey, support by Steckloff, that the City Council for the City of Farmington Hills adopt the resolution to approve the application for an Industrial facilities Exemption Certificate from CEP BioCoat LLC for a period of 7 years for 50% personal property acquired, and further authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the required Abatement Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR THE STRUCTURAL EVALUATION AND PARTIAL DEMOLITION OF THE ADDITION TO 21224 ONTAGA TO BERKSHIRE DEVELOPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000 CMR 9-14-93

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for structural evaluation and demolition of the addition of 21224 Ontaga to Berkshire Development in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 (\$700/structural review, \$7,880 demolition and \$1,420 contingency).

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR PATROL RIFLES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT TO MICHIGAN POLICE EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,996.00 CMR 9-14-94

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for patrol rifles and related equipment to Michigan Police Equipment in the total amount of \$58,996.00 (including trade-in).

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR AMMUNITION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO MICHIGAN POLICE EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,880.00 AND TO KIESLER POLICE SUPPLY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,040.00

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve purchase orders for .223 caliber ammunition to Michigan Police Equipment in the amount of \$14,880 and 9MM to Kiesler Police Supply in the amount of \$17,040.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PURCHASE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PHILIP'S HEALTHCARE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,049.90. CMR 9-14-96

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Philip's Healthcare in the amount of \$10,049.90 for Automatic External Defibrillators and Related Equipment for the Police Department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR EMPLOYMENT UNDER SECTION 10.01A OF THE CITY CODE

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Code for Fana Rombou as a Lifeguard/WSI in the Aquatics Division of the Special Services Department. Fana Rombou is the twin sister of Stephana Rombou who is also a Lifeguard/WSI in the Aquatics Division of the Special Services Department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Study Session Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Regular Meeting minutes of September 8, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Brickner mentioned potential topics for the next regular City Council meeting of October 13, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brickner adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk