

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
AUGUST 17, 2015 – 6:30PM

The special meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Brickner at 6:35pm.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: Acting City Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith, Director Randle and City Attorney Joppich

CONSIDERATION OF ENTERING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REVIEW THE EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE CITY MANAGER POSITION.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bruce, to approve entering into executive session to review the employment applications and qualifications submitted for the City Manager position.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

The regular meeting resumed following the executive session at 8:15pm.

Discussion was held on the interview process and providing external candidates with a tour of the city, etc. Councilmember Lerner suggested having 3 members of Council provide the tours and inquired if questions could be asked of the candidates during that time.

Attorney Joppich stated that while this would not be a violation of the Open Meetings Act as there would not be a quorum of Council present, he would caution against asking questions of the candidates during that time as there is the potential for inconsistent information being provided to Councilmembers since some members of Council would not present for this discussions.

Councilmember Steckloff expressed concern that she may not be able to be present for the interviews and inquired about the ability to skype into a meeting or to provide questions ahead of time.

Attorney Joppich responded that she would be allowed to provide questions ahead of time to Director Randle; but could not skype into a meeting as members have to be physically present at a meeting to participate. He also clarified that questions should not be sent to other Councilmembers during the interviews and must be provided to Director Randle prior to the interviews.

Attorney Joppich stated that the process will be for Director Randle to provide Council with a hard copy list of questions Monday evening and if Council wanted to include additional questions, they should be submitted hard copy to Director Randle for review prior to the interviews.

Discussion regarding the interview process and interview dates would be added to the study session meeting scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2015.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Steckloff to extend an invitation for an interview to Candidates #1, 5, 6 and 8.

MOTION CARRIED 4-3 (Bridges, Bruce and Massey opposed)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further discussion, the special meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk