

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
OCTOBER 12, 2015 – 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: Acting City Manager Boyer, Assistant to the City Manager Geinzer, City Clerk Smith, Directors Gajda, Gardiner, Lasley, Mekjian and Schnackel, Police Chief Nebus and City Attorney Joppich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Troop #216 led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL MILLAGE RENEWAL PRESENTATION BY DR. GEORGE HEITSCH

Dr. George Heitsch provided a brief update and explanation of the Public School Millage Renewal that will appear on the November 3, 2015 General Election ballot.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION “TIP OF THE MONTH”

The following Tip of the Month was read by Mayor Pro Tem Massey:

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION
Tip of the Month
OCTOBER 2015**

Fire Safety

The Emergency Preparedness Commission would like to remind everyone to install smoke alarms on every level of your residence: outside bedrooms on the ceiling or high on the wall, or at the top of open stairways or at the bottom of enclosed stairs and near, but not in, the kitchen. Test and clean smoke alarms once a month and replace batteries at least once a year. (Remember to annually change batteries by changing them every New Year's Day or perhaps when the clocks are changed in the spring or the fall.)

Smoke detectors don't last forever, please replace smoke alarms at least every 10 years.

The Farmington Hills Fire Department provides and installs smoke alarms in our city residential homes free of charge. If you live in Farmington Hills and need this service, please call 248-871-2800. If you live in another city please call your local fire department and ask if they have a similar service

Remember, a fire can engulf a home in approximately five minutes. Should you have a house fire, get out quickly. Do not stop to fight the fire yourself; do not stop to look for family keepsakes. Remember that

you are your family's most important keepsake, so keep safe and get out alive. Prepare yourself and your family by having an occasional fire drill.

Trick or Treat

With "Trick or Treating" just around the corner, remember that Halloween costumes can sometimes be dangerous. If you buy or rent your costumes, please look for the "flame-resistant" label. Flame-resistant is not the same as flame-proof, but it will resist catching fire and can be extinguished more easily. If you make your own costume, try to avoid large flowing costumes made of lightweight cloth. Consider using make-up instead of a mask, as mask can obscure your vision.

While it is fun to be out at night and going door-to-door for treats, there are alternatives. Sometimes condominiums, apartment complexes, local churches, and organizations host indoor "angels night" parties, or outdoor trick-or-treat events. Maybe you can attend one of these as a family.

For more information regarding the Emergency Preparedness Commission or to receive a free copy of the Farmington Hills Preparedness Handbook, visit the website at www.fhready.org.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 24, 2015 AS UNITED NATIONS DAY

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Bridges and accepted by Donna Glowacki, Board of Directors of the Greater Chapter of the United Nations Association.

PROCLAMATION

**70th Anniversary of the Creation of the United Nations
United Nations Day is October 24, 2015**

- WHEREAS,** on October 24, 1945, the United Nations was created when the five permanent members of the Security Council - France, the Republic of China, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States - ratified the charter drawn up earlier that year; and
- WHEREAS,** established in the aftermath of a devastating World War, the United Nations was formed to help stabilize international relations and give peace a more secure foundation; and
- WHEREAS,** the central role of the United Nations, which is to promote peace and security, decrease regional conflicts, and protect human rights around the world, is more vital now than ever before; and
- WHEREAS,** the 70th anniversary offers an opportunity to reaffirm the principles upon which the United Nations was founded and to promote its worldwide involvement in environmental protection, health and medical research, agricultural and economic development, and emergency and disaster relief programs; and
- WHEREAS,** on October 24, 2015, millions of people around the world will celebrate the United Nations, recognizing that the promotion of peace is vital for the full enjoyment of human rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Barry Brickner, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2015 as **United Nations Day** and

call upon the citizens of Farmington Hills to come together to recognize the vital mission of the United Nations in securing peace throughout the world.

Donna Glowacki, United Nations Association Board of Directors, thanked City Council for the recognition and noted that there are 153 Chapters of the United Nations organization. She stated that their principle is to advocate and support efforts for safer and better communities. She added the proclamation will be read at the October 24th celebration.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2015 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH**

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Knol and accepted by Colleen Monaghan of HAVEN:

**PROCLAMATION
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
October 2015**

- WHEREAS,** domestic violence is a widespread, serious crime that annually affects over four million Americans of all races, ages, genders, and income levels; and
- WHEREAS,** one in three Americans have witnessed an incident of domestic violence, and children who grow up in violent homes are believed to be abused and neglected at a rate higher than the national average; and
- WHEREAS,** domestic violence costs the nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters, foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and non-productivity; and
- WHEREAS,** domestic violence is an intolerable offense against human dignity that shatters the lives and families of those touched by this crime; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Farmington Hills and HAVEN developed the Farmington Hills High Risk Response Team, an award-winning multi-disciplinary group of private and public organizations dedicated to the identification of high risk domestic violence cases and the creation of a coordinated community response, including prevention and education; and
- WHEREAS,** Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for citizens to learn about domestic violence prevention and to show support for the organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services, and assistance to victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Barry Brickner, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2015 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in the City of Farmington Hills and encourage all citizens to work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community.

Colleen Monaghan, HAVEN, thanked City Council for the recognition and for all of those people working to combat domestic violence.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2015 AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Steckloff and accepted by Tina Wheeler of Gilda's Club:

**PROCLAMATION
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
October 2015**

WHEREAS, the National Breast Cancer Awareness Month program is dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common cancer in women in the United States, except for skin cancer, and breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 231,840 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed among women in the United States this year and an estimated 40,290 women are expected to die from the disease in 2015 alone; and

WHEREAS, mammography is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancerous long before physical symptoms become apparent; and

WHEREAS, today, there are about 2.8 million breast cancer survivors living in the United States and death rates from breast cancer have been declining due to earlier detection and improved treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Barry Brickner, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2015 as **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** and encourage citizens to become aware of their risk for breast cancer, to undertake regular screenings for early detection, and if diagnosed, to talk to their health care providers about treatment options.

Tina Wheeler, Representative of Gilda's Club and cancer survivor, thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition. She commented that importance of early detection and she spoke of the work of Gilda's

Councilmember Steckloff encouraged young women to begin self-breast exams early as often breast cancer is not visible through the mammogram. She also spoke of the support she has received through Gilda's Club and thanked Tina and Gilda's Club for making her experience an uplifting experience.

Mayor Brickner acknowledged that he and others in the room were also cancer survivors and that early detection is important for treating any type of cancer and encouraged regular phys

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was received by Council on the following topics:

E-mail from Mr. Deward with regard to directed special assessment districts and staff has been attempting to answer his questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Bridges, support by Bruce, 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

There were no public questions or comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following Council comments/announcements were made:

- Success of the Children Youth and Families College Finance Management event
- The Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo is being held on
- City Manager Candidate Meet and Greet and Interviews are scheduled for October 16-18, 2015
- Beautification Awards Ceremony is being held on October 22nd at the Costick Center at 7pm
- Retirement of former Farmington Mayor and Councilmember Joanne McShane

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Acting City Manager Boyer commented on the following:

- Fall Hazardous Waste drop off
- Cops vs. Docs Charity Hockey Game on October 24th at the Farmington Ice Arena
- Yard waste pickup being extended another week

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF DETERMINATION OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT FOR BRIAR HILL SUBDIVISION, NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE PROJECT WITH BOND PROCEEDS. CMR 10-15-94

Director of Public Services Mekjian stated that this is the public hearing of necessity for the Briar Hill Subdivision directed special assessment road improvement project. He noted that the road conditions for Briar Hill Subdivision were identified in the 2014 pavement condition report as being some of the worst in the City and in accordance with the City's Directed Special Assessment District (SAD) Policy, it was placed on the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for local road reconstruction. Pavement condition was not the only variable used for prioritizing the projects on the list and staff also considered the number of properties within the district, proximity to schools, public interest, organized associations, road segments with PASER rating of 1 or less and DPW maintenance efforts. Mr. Mekjian noted that the roads within the Briar Hill Subdivision have an average PASER pavement condition rating of 1.8 out of 10.

Mr. Mekjian stated that City Council scheduled this public hearing at their August 24, 2015 meeting and on September 29, 2015, the Engineering staff held an informational meeting with the residents in order to explain the city's new Directed SAD Policy and proposed project. Briar Hill Subdivision is comprised of 165 lots and is located in Section 4 of the City and records indicate it was platted in 1957. He mentioned past road improvements that were made in the subdivision and explained the proposed project. Mr.

Mekjian noted that the total cost of the 2,218,000 with the SAD paying 80 percent of the project or 1,179,000 and the City paying 20% of the project. The total cost per unit would be approximately \$11,000.

Councilmember Bridges asked staff to explain the cost distribution including the administrative fees and 1% added to the bond costs.

Finance Director Gajda explained that the 20% of the cost of the project itself and engineering of the project is funded through tax dollars and the 80% is funded through an assessment that is bonded. In addition to the construction and engineering costs the city will add the bonding finance costs (underwriters fee, bond counsel fees, financial advisor, etc), which would be approximately be 2-3% of the project costs for a project this size. He stated that the report reflects as estimate of 80.77% that he feels is a good estimate. Mr. Gajda explained how the principle and interest is paid on the bonds and stated that the 1% fee above the bond interest was per Ordinance.

Mr. Bridges inquired how many people have qualified for the financial assistance programs. Mr. Gajda responded that in his time with the City as Finance Director nobody has applied for assistance.

Mr. Bridges inquired why the 1% is charged even if no bonds are sold. Mr. Gajda stated that bonds will be sold for this project. He explained that in a case where bonds may not be sold, the City historically has looked at the 10-year Treasury bill rate on that date and add 1% per Ordinance.

Mr. Bridges asked about the DPW maintenance rating scale and criteria. Mr. Mekjian stated that is based on low, medium, high and how often the Department has had to go out to an area to cold patch and/or other efforts to make the roads safe and passable.

Mr. Bridges asked for the numbers from the last petitioning effort. Mr. Cubera stated that the percentage was less than a majority so that never came before Council; however, he could get that information for Council.

Councilmember Steckloff inquired about Springbrook Road that the City had reverted back to gravel and what the PASER rating was for that road as comparison.

Mayor Brickner explained that PASER ratings were not used at that time. Mr. Cubera added that there is no PASER rating but in general terms Briar Hill roads are comparable to the conditions of Springbrook at that time.

Councilmember Bridges inquired how much money was spent on maintenance over the last 5 years in this subdivision. Mr. Mekjian did not have that information on hand but stated he would provide that to Council.

Mayor Brickner opened the public hearing.

Patti Alzady, 29721 Beacontree, stated that she sent an extensive letter to Mayor and Council but her primary question is why the residents are only being offered one option. She stated that nothing else was discussed or priced out and they have not received information as to how staff arrived at the figures. She feels the project is being hurried and she would like to see more deliberation and information before determining that this is the proper procedure.

Councilmember Lerner inquired what other options Ms. Alzady would like Council to explore.

Ms. Alzady responded that other residents had brought up the option of a cement road or considering the use of recycled tires as used in the Birch Run/Frankenmuth area.

Engineer Cubera stated that the City hired a firm to analyze the pavement conditions to determine the best long-term fix for these roads and the company recommended asphalt with stone base pavement. He explained that if concrete were considered, staff would have to consider closing the ditch system and providing for some type of storm sewer that would significantly increase costs. He added that with regard to the rubberized use in the Frankenmuth area, staff did acknowledge that they would look into that option.

Councilmember Lerner explained that concrete pavement would be wider and residents would lose more of their front lawn to accommodate the necessary drainage system.

Bernard Gerber, 29855 Old Bedford, stated that he was President of the Subdivision in 1980 when the sewer and roads were put in and the roads were supposed to last 10 years and now it is 35 years later. He commented on the water in the roadways due to the condition of the roads and recommended that Council approve the paving of the roads to keep the property values up and keep the City beautiful.

Jeremy Glogower, 29618 Briarton, commented on the use of asphalt, which he believes is best used in a constant temperature environment. He felt they would be better off having dirt roads or concrete.

Thomas Baer, 28261 S. Harwich in Woodcreek Subdivision, stated that it appears that it is a given that the City will pay 20% with the residents paying 80% and there has been no discussion as to the breakdown of the financing. He feels that based on the taxes already being paid, this additional cost is ridiculous as roads are one of the primary functions of government.

David Star, 29898 Beacontree, commented on the difference between the residents in the neighborhood with there being very young families and then more established residents. He stated that he cannot afford this assessment. He spoke to the cost of raising a family, his taxes already being paid and the fact that he could not qualify for any of the programs being offered. He agreed that the roads need to be paved, but feels that the City needs to find another way to fund the project. Mr. Star added that if this assessment is passed he will be forced to sell his home and move.

Steve Rotenberg, 30065 Briarton, explained that he has lived in the neighborhood for 16 years and has seen the decline in the roads. He added that the first time the subdivision looked into road improvements the cost was approximately \$6,000 and now it is estimated at \$11,000. He spoke of the drop in property values and stated that he hopes Council makes the right decision to do something for the roads; but that dirt roads are not an option.

Mayor Brickner clarified the petitioning process and fact that Council always had the authority to approve a special assessment district with or without petitions. He reassured residents at the meeting that roads in this subdivision will not be turned back to dirt roads and this was not a consideration at this time, but they are considering a directed special assessment district.

Mr. Rotenberg inquired about the sprinkler systems within the subdivision. Mr. Cubera stated that with all road projects, they ask that residents mark any sprinkler systems or other underground wiring, but if they are damaged they will be replaced at the expense of the City.

Boris Inger, 30114 Old Bedford, stated that he has lived in the subdivision for 17 years and he feels the roads need to be in good condition, but that the cost is ridiculous especially since they just voted for a road millage. He feels the City has enough money to take care of the roads in the City.

Mr. Cubera explained that the cost quoted was not only for asphalt paving, but included other costs associated with the project.

Mayor Brickner explained the road funding and clarified that the voters passed 2 additional mills that would be used for the City to continue to contribute 20% towards the special assessment projects as well as enhanced maintenance for roads that are already in good condition.

Councilmember Steckloff questioned if there might be a better way to explain the projects as the City is receiving many of the same questions on these projects.

Mr. Cubera stated that the same packet City Council has received is the same information provided to the residents and the Engineering Division provides a power point presentation at the informational meetings explaining this information.

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey explained that the 20% funding from the City is part of the Charter. He stated that other cities have an additional road millage to repair their roads. He added that the Directed SAD Policy was approved out of the need to improve the roads as some of them were not being maintained by the residents by coming forward on their own. He stated that maintaining the roads enhances property values and the City has to consider that responsibility when faced with these decisions and determine to maintain property values and safety of the residents.

Jeffrey Lewis, 29746 Briarton, commented that in walking yesterday he only saw 1 pothole on Briarton and he doesn't feel anything is wrong with that road. He feels that the residents have already voted on the project and determined that the majority of them do not want it and he finds it strange that Council would now be going against the wishes of the residents. He questioned if there is some funding to be used from another source as all of the roads are used by others to get to the schools, etc.

Glen Adams, 34125 Northwick, expressed concern with the loss of a vote in this case as the residents previously voted no on this project. He also expressed concern with the cost and increase in estimate from what they were originally quoted during the petitioning process a few years ago, which was \$8,500. He questioned the reason for the increase in cost.

Mr. Cubera stated that in 2013 when an informational meeting was held, the quoted estimate was approximately \$8,600 per unit. He stated that the design being quoted now is very similar to that in 2013 but contractors are more in demand and the economy is better so prices have gone up. He stated that staff hired a consultant provide an estimate based on current bids in the area and there was an increase in unit pricing for the products.

Mayor Brickner clarified that the petitioning process is not a vote but is advisory to Council. He added that if the roads get to a point where the City needs to do something to make them safe, that has always been allowed by Charter.

Mr. Adams stated that he does not disagree that the roads are in poor shape, but \$11,000 is a big expense for most people in the community.

Paul Gross, 29770 Ravenscroft, stated that he has lived in the subdivision for the past 22 years and the roads have consistently deteriorated over the years and were so bad in some spots that the engineers had a hard time getting a core sample because the road was crumbling. He acknowledged the need for repair the roads, but Council has heard from the residents that this may create a hardship for many people. He questioned if there is any other means to help fund this project in order to lower the costs to the residents. He thanked City Council for their time and service to the community.

Councilmember Lerner commented that Council understands that this is a lot of money, but there is no additional funding source and they can't change the costs. He explained that when the directed SAD was first being discussed, Council considered a city-wide road millage; but that would have required 5-6 mills and 30+ years to pave all of the roads in the City. He commented on the 2 mills that was approved by the voters and how that funding would be used and added that the City has to invest in its infrastructure.

Finance Director Gajda agreed that there is no other funding source. He commented on the decrement programs and indicated that a letter is sent out to all residents explaining those programs once the project and costs are approved by Council.

Mayor Brickner acknowledged the e-mails received by Council:

Dennis and Barbara Smith, 30019 Briarton - who was in favor of the project
Pat Alzady, 29721 Beacontree – who spoke in opposition
John Kramer, 29936 Old Bedford, expressing his opposition to the project.

There being no further comments, Mayor Brickner closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Bridges agreed Council had the authority to impose an assessment per the Charter but has not done so in the past 40 years; and he feels there have been policy changes that have changed the 80/20 split with regard to costs, including the administrative costs and bonding. He feels the petitioning effort is the best method as it allows the residents to make that decision and he believes this has worked well in the past. Mr. Bridges stated that he is not comfortable imposing assessments on the residents.

Mayor Brickner disagreed with some of those comments stating that the administrative and bonding costs have always been included for any special assessment district. He reiterated how the 2 mill road funding is being used to maintain the roads. He stated that the Council approved the Directed SAD Policy to set up an objective standard to maintain the roads and keep them safe.

Councilmember Steckloff stated that this is a tough decision for her. She was one of the Councilmembers that voted no on the Directed SAD Policy, but she feels there is a point when it comes to maintaining safety. She stated that she has walked the roads many times and they are extremely dangerous and has tripped and fallen several times herself. She added that while she did not approve of the Directed SAD Policy, she has to put the safety and welfare of the residents first.

Councilmember Knol stated that there are two ways to fund a millage, including a city-wide millage or special assessment districts. She mentioned that the City of Farmington has a road millage and the City can raise that millage at any time as long as they are within their Charter limit. She noted that the Farmington Hills Charter and Ordinances outline a special assessment district process and to change the Charter would take a vote of the entire City. She feels that would be a very difficult task as many residents have already paid for their roads to be improved. Mrs. Knol stated that she understands that it is a lot of money but taxes are a part of homeownership. She added that Council has to look at what is best

and what is fair for the entire community. She feels the roads need to be repaired and this is the process approved by the City so she will support the project.

Councilmember Lerner stated that he drove the entire subdivision this morning and read the information explaining the PASER ratings and he saw many poor sections of roads within the subdivision. He acknowledged that some of the roads were in better shape than others but didn't hear many comments this evening that the roads don't need to be fixed, and that it was more an issue of cost. He stated that comments were made by residents about the increase in costs from the last estimate in 2013 and if the residents wait another 4 or 5 years it will most likely be around \$15,000. He added that the roads are in decay and they are hurting the home values and making it difficult to sell the homes. Mr. Lerner pointed out that these roads are the second worst road system in the City and he feels in the long run this project will help revitalize the roads and the neighborhood. He apologized to those that he may disappoint this evening but he feels it is the right thing to do.

Councilmember Bridges stated that he was opposed to the Directed SAD Policy and he still is opposed. He commented that clearly some of the roads need to be repaired, but he feels that the petitioning process works. He is not convinced that this type of policy is needed at this time. He spoke to the increase in poverty in Farmington Hills and hardship this will cause for many residents. He also feels that appropriate maintenance funding has not been a part of the budget in the past to address the roads.

Councilmember Bruce stated that it stinks when someone is forcing something upon you when you don't want it and this may be a burden on several families, but the quandary is that the roads need to be repaired. Council has wrestled with the appropriate solution that works for both the residents and the City as a whole. He commented that the petitioning process worked because the City was young, but as the City ages Council had to review other options as the process stopped working. He noted that the PASER ratings for roads throughout the City are well below the average rating because residents are not coming forward on their own to repair their roads either for financial reasons or perhaps because they don't have an organized subdivision or they don't want to go against their neighbors want. Dr. Bruce questioned whether engineering projects should be left to the residents to decide when that is an issue for Council. He spoke to a city-wide millage and the cost to the residents and the issue of fairness. Dr. Bruce stated that Farmington Hills has to be able to compete with other communities to attract new residents and businesses and to maintain vital subdivisions. He feels home values and safety will increase if the roads are maintained and he will support the project as it is in the best interest of the community.

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey commented that this is not an easy decision, but the role of City Council is to protect the safety and welfare of the community and they have the fiduciary responsibility to protect the value of the homes. He stated that in the past the projects have come in lower than the estimated costs and if the project is bid and costs are higher, the issue would come back to Council again for consideration. He stated that the petitioning process has not worked and delays have caused the deterioration of the roads. He commented that even in projects that came before Council through the petitioning process, Council heard complaints from some that the project was too expensive. He pointed out that the comments are the same and the only difference with the Directed SAD Policy is that the policy is based on data and not a petition by the homeowners. Dr. Massey stated that comments were made that part of the issue was that road maintenance funding was not included in the budget, yet Council members received a matrix showing that the City has been spending an average of \$1.7 million a year on roads. He also clarified that the determination of an SAD always rests with Council.

Mayor Brickner mentioned that this subdivision currently has speed bumps and if the subdivision still wants to maintain those, they will be replaced at the expense of the City.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the adoption of a resolution for road improvements for Briar Hill Subdivision in Section 4 to include the properties outlined in CMR 10-15-94; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council approves the adoption of a resolution for the notice of intent to issue bonds and the declaration of official intent to reimburse project costs with bond proceeds as reviewed by the City's bond counsel as to form and content.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-1.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Mayor Brickner acknowledged that Council received a letter from Carl and Rose Christoph regarding one of the appointments.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Kerry Leon Jackson to the Committee to Increase Voter Participation, to fill an unexpired term ending February 1, 2017; and to appoint Mark Zachos to the Economic Development Corporation, to fill an unexpired term ending February 1, 2017.

Councilmember Bruce stated that he would prefer a separate vote on these appointments in order to table one of the appointments to get more information. Councilmember Bridges concurred.

Councilmember Lerner pointed out that to date no background checks have been required or completed for committee members and he is not sure the City should set that precedent. He also believes that some of the items mentioned in the letter would not be factors as to whether or not that person would be appointed.

Councilmember Bruce stated that he does not want a background check, but if issues are raised that question the moral character of someone he feels the City should look into that. He is not saying that there is any merit to the allegations but wants more information before making a decision.

Councilmember Bridges concurred with Dr. Bruce as he feels the allegations are related to the Commission on which he would like to serve.

Mr. Lerner reiterated that Council has never before considered such issues and these are residents volunteering their time to serve and he doesn't feel that is the position of Council.

MOTION by Bridges to postpone consideration of the appointments.

The motion died due to lack of support.

MOTION by Steckloff, support by Bruce, to amend the motion to only approve the appointment of Mark Zachos to the Economic Development Corporation, to fill an unexpired term ending February 1, 2017.

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED 6-1 (Knol Opposed)

MOTION by Lerner, support by Massey to approve the appointment of Mark Zachos to the Economic Development Corporation, to fill an unexpired term ending February 1, 2017.

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Kerry Leon Jackson to the Committee to Increase Voter Participation, to fill an unexpired term ending February 1, 2017.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Bridges, to postpone the appointment of Kerry Leon Jackson to the Committee to Increase Voter Participation, to fill an unexpired term ending February 1, 2017.

MOTION TO POSTPONE FAILED 3-4 (Brickner, Knol, Lerner and Massey opposed)

MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED 5-2 (Bruce and Bridges opposed).

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR THE DINING ROOM FLOOR REPLACEMENT AT THE LONGACRE HOUSE TO MASTERCRAFT FLOORS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,500.00. CMR 10-15-95

MOTION by Bridges, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to issue a purchase order for floor replacement at the Longacre House to Mastercraft Floors in the amount of \$13,500.00.

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 THE DEMOLITION OF 22207 NORTH BRANDON STREET TO SJ DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,850.00. CMR 10-15-96

MOTION by Bridges, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Acting City Manager to issue a purchase order for the demolition of 22207 North Brandon Street, Farmington Hills, MI to SJ Design & Construction, LLC in the amount of \$14,850.00.

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 PRINTING AND MAILING OF TAX BILLS, PERSONAL PROPERTY STATEMENTS AND ASSESSMENT NOTICES TO KENT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. (KCI) FOR A TWO YEAR TERM IN AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$12,724.89 PER YEAR; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 10-15-97

MOTION by Bridges, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby awards the proposal for Printing and Mailing of Tax Bills, Personal Property Statements and Assessment Notices to Kent Communications, Inc. (KCI) for a two (2) year term in an estimated amount of \$12,724.89 per year and for an additional three (3) year term at a 2% increase per year (beginning at year 3) under the same terms and conditions upon mutual consent of the City and vendor.

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 28, 2015.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of September 28, 2015 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

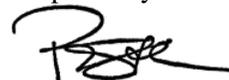
The City Attorney Report was received with no questions from Council.

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Brickner mentioned potential topics for the next regular City Council meeting of October 26, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Brickner adjourned the City Council meeting at 9:52p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk