

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
MAY 13, 2019

The Study Session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Massey at 6:00pm.

Council Members Present: Bridges (arrived at 6:10pm), Bruce, Knol, Lerner, Massey, Rich and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Mekjian, Director Barr, Monico and Schnackel and City Attorney Joppich

WATER/SEWER RATES PRESENTATION

Sewer Rates

Raphael Chirolla, Water Resources Commission, reviewed the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) rates, the basic rate calculation, and forecast and actual sewer sales with Council noting that there is a proposed overall increase of 4.7% for sewer rates.

Stormwater Asset Management Wastewater (SAW) Grant

Tim Prince discussed the SAW Grant providing the project background and objectives and planning for the asset management portion of the grant.

(Bridges arrived at 6:10pm)

Mr. Prince reviewed the next steps in the SAW Grant process that included a complete condition assessment, business risk evaluation, capital/operations and maintenance needs and a rate study.

It was questioned whether the city could set different rates for FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease) areas of the sewer system. Mr. Prince indicated that they may be able to provide a penalty for not complying with standards but that will be evaluated with administration once the study is complete.

Water Rates

Mr. Chirolla reviewed the actual and projected water sales for Farmington Hills and noted that there is a proposed overall increase of 2.7% for water rates. He reported that the water tower is estimated to have saved approximately \$12.4 million for the City through FY 2020.

Mr. Chirolla noted that for the combined water and sewer rates it is estimated to increase 3.7% or approximately \$11 per quarter for the average user.

UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT

Present were Andy Fountain, Owner's Representative, Plante Moran Cressa, Mark Reeves, Assistant Director- Architecture, Integrated Design Solutions and Jeff Zona, Project Manager, Integrated Design Solutions

Andy Fountain, Owner's Representative, discussed the project schedule noting the July target for the construction packages to be complete and ready for bid with construction to start October, 2019 and completion anticipated in August/September of 2020.

Mark Reeves, Lead Designer of Innovative Design Solutions, discussed the site design and existing amenities, including the proposed expansion of the parking lot and transformation of the baseball field to grass for a practice field.

City Manager Boyer stated that staff would like to host a City Council study session on the community center site and do a walk-through with City Council of the grounds and existing amenities.

Mr. Reeves presented Council with design plans and explained the proposed construction and amenities that would be included on each of the 3 floors of the community center.

City Council thanked the design team for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

The study session meeting adjourned at 7:04pm

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk