

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
MAY 9, 2016 – 7:30 PM
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

The regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Massey at 7:33 p.m.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Boyer, City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Mekjian, Director Schnackel and City Attorneys Joppich and Dovre

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City of Farmington Councilmember Sara Bowman led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Mayor Massey acknowledged the loss of the husband of Mayor Pro-Tem Valerie Knol and the father-in-law and nephew of Michael Bridges over the last several weeks and asked for a moment of silence in honor of their families.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES
VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS AND THE GEORGE ROMNEY VOLUNTEER OF THE
YEAR AWARD WINNER FOR 2016.**

Judge Marla Parker introduced the Commission on Children, Youth & Families Volunteer Award winners, the Nancy Bates Award winner and George Romney Volunteer of the Year Award winner for 2016. Jan Dolan was the awarded the Nancy Bates Award and Joel Slone the George Romney Volunteer of the Year Award.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION “TIP OF THE MONTH”
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In the month of May, the Emergency Preparedness Commission reminds everyone to think summer, but be prepared for summer-related situations.

Summer in Farmington Hills is long anticipated and never seems to last long enough, so it is easy to forget that hyperthermia (high body temperature) can be life threatening and other heat emergencies can cause trauma and suffering. Yet heat illnesses are easily preventable by taking necessary precautions in hot weather.

Common causes of heat emergencies include high temperature and humidity, dehydration, prolonged or excessive exercise, excess clothing, alcohol use, and certain medications.

Heat emergencies can be prevented by wearing loose-fitting, lightweight clothing, resting frequently and seeking shade when possible, avoiding hot places, drinking adequate fluids, exercising gradually and increasing water intake.

**** Remember: *Never leave a child (or a pet) unattended in a vehicle.***

For more information regarding heat illness, for answers to your emergency preparedness questions, or for information on attending the Emergency Preparedness Commission meetings, visit the EPC website, www.FHReady.com.

By being prepared, everyone can enjoy a happy, relaxing, and safe summer.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 15 – 21, 2016 AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Lerner and accepted by Police Officer Mike Connolly:

**National Police Week
May 15 - 21, 2016**

WHEREAS, Congress and the President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and

WHEREAS, National Police Week honors all law enforcement officers, and Peace Officers Memorial Day pays homage to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or became disabled in the performance of duty, and also pays tribute to the survivors of these fallen heroes; and

WHEREAS, we commend the men and women of the Farmington Hills Police Department, along with their community partners, who have reduced Serious Part A Crimes by 39% since 2005, and many serious crime categories are at their lowest levels in the 42-year history of our City; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that our citizens know that Farmington Hills police officers are committed to 21st century policing, positive community connections, and delivering superior services without prejudice or partiality; and

WHEREAS, we are grateful to the members of our Police Department and community whose partnership makes Farmington Hills one of the safest communities in our state and country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 15 – 21, 2016 as **National Police Week** and call upon the citizens of Farmington Hills to join in recognizing our Farmington Hills police officers, dispatchers, and civilian support staff, and also in honoring all of the dedicated professional law enforcement personnel across our country who preserve the safety and security of our communities.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 2016 AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Bruce:

**Mental Health Month
May 2016**

- WHEREAS,** one in five Americans will experience a mental health illness that requires treatment at some point in their lives; and
- WHEREAS,** one in 10 children has a serious emotional disturbance that, if untreated, can lead to school failure, physical illness, substance use, jail or even suicide; and
- WHEREAS,** stigma and stereotypes associated with mental illness often keep those living with such an illness from seeking treatment that could improve their quality of life and help them manage the illness effectively; and
- WHEREAS,** mental illness is a biologically-based brain disorder that cannot be overcome through will power and is not related to a person's character or intelligence; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority, and its provider agencies, are committed to inspiring hope, empowering people, and strengthening communities; and
- WHEREAS,** mental health is critical for our individual well-being and vitality, as well as that of our families, businesses, and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2016 as **Mental Health Month** in the City of Farmington Hills and call upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to help increase the awareness and understanding of mental illness and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people to promote recovery.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 15 – 21, 2016 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Bridges and accepted by Gary Mekjian:

**National Public Works Week
May 15 – 21, 2016
“Public Works Always There”**

- WHEREAS,** National Public Works Week recognizes the men and women who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works, which are an integral part of the health, safety, and comfort in the everyday lives of Farmington Hills residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water supply, sanitary sewers, roadways, public buildings and properties, signage, traffic control, and solid waste collection and recycling; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and comfort of this community greatly depends on the effectiveness of public works programs and the daily service of the competent, dedicated, hard working professionals of the Public Services Department; and

WHEREAS, National Public Works Week was instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association in 1960 and is designed to call attention to the importance of public works in the daily lives of present and future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 15 – 21, 2016 as **National Public Works Week** in the City of Farmington Hills and call upon all citizens to recognize and acknowledge the vital services provided daily by the City’s public works professionals to maintain the high quality of life in Farmington Hills.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2016 AS GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH AND THE GREAT FARMINGTON HILLS CAMPOUT JUNE 4-5, 2016

The following proclamation was read by Councilmember Steckloff and accepted by Director of Special Services, Ellen Schnackel:

**Great Outdoors Month and
The Tenth Annual Great Farmington Hills Campout
June 4 – 5, 2016**

WHEREAS, June has been declared Great Outdoors Month and all Americans are encouraged to observe this month by spending time outside being active rather than inside being sedentary; and

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills takes pride in our many programs that bring families together, promote a love of the outdoors, and encourage a sense of stewardship for the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Great Farmington Hills Campout will take place during the weekend of June 4 – 5, 2016 in beautiful Heritage Park and also in backyards at homes throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, now in its tenth year, the Great Farmington Hills Campout inspires residents to celebrate the great outdoors, enjoy the health benefits of open-air recreation, and create a memorable family experience while camping, hiking, and singing around the campfire; and

WHEREAS, all across our country during June, families will head to local recreation areas to celebrate the splendor of our nation’s varied landscapes, scenic parks, and magnificent wildlife habitats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ken Massey, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby encourage our citizens to celebrate our City’s natural resources, including our neighborhood parks and woodlands, during **Great Outdoors Month** and to spend time enjoying the great outdoors by taking part in the **Great Farmington Hills Campout** on June 4 – 5, 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE

Councilmember Bridges thanked Mayor Massey for his comments earlier in the meeting and stated that he admires Dr. Massey's leadership.

Mayor Massey acknowledged a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Kowalski indicating that they are in favor of the Independence Commons road improvement special assessment project.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Lerner, support by Steckloff, to approve the Consent Agenda items #10 - #15, as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Rich, to approve the Consent Agenda items #16 and #17, as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Angela McCallum, Old Homestead Dr., (Independence Commons) commented that Council is in a difficult position because of the financial burden that they are expecting the residents to absorb, however, it is in the City Charter that the subdivisions will incur up to 80% of the cost of the replacement of the roads and their subdivision should expect no different. She explained that their roads are 40+ years old and can no longer be patched. She stated that there are safety concerns and residents cannot walk on the roads. She stated that she appreciates that Council made the decision to use concrete over asphalt, as it will add longevity to the roads. She noted that they cannot get bogged down in the cost, they tried in 2005 to have the roads replaced and it did not pass and the cost have only gone up, it will never go down. She stated that the subdivision residents cannot expect that they will get a dollar for dollar replacement against the assessment and that their housing value will go up because no capital improvement works that way. She stated that she would appreciate Council's positive consideration in the road replacement for their subdivision.

Jim Horr, Trenton Court, Independence Commons, commented that he is here in support of the road project. He stated that those in support of the project appear to be outnumbered based on what has happened in the past public hearings, but he assures that there is a lot of support to move forward as painful as it is financially. He stated that the main reason he feels Council should move forward is because the project meets the criteria used to approve road projects, a majority is in support, even though there is an active group not in support of the project he believes it is only a third of the subdivision, leaving two thirds of the residents that realize that they must move forward due to the horrendous

condition of the roads. He stated that Council recently adopted a policy that is a more data based rational for when roads should be replaced and based on Pacer Ratings their subdivision clearly qualifies due to their poor rating. He noted that one of Council's major responsibilities is to maintain the basic infrastructure of the City and he believes that this is a tipping point for the City as a lot of folks are watching what Council does in regards to this project. He suggested that Council think of this more strategically as this is bigger than Independence Commons; this is about the City of Farmington Hills and its future viability, health and attractiveness. He feels the City will lose quality people and quality people will be less likely to move into the City if they view it is a City that is not willing to invest and do what is necessary to maintain the roads. Mr. Horr stated that this is a huge moment for Farmington Hills and he trusts that Council will do the right thing and think about the viability of Farmington Hills and move forward with the project.

Sara Cowells, Old Homestead Dr, Independence Commons, commented that she, like many of the 50% in favor of the road project, felt that things were progressing and were on track for the replacement this summer; and now she has learned that a vocal minority have been speaking out against the project so she felt that she should attend this meeting to reassure Council of her opinion because she believes it does reflect the majority of the neighborhood. She agrees that \$19,700 is a lot to spend on roads and she is truly sorry for the families that are not financially prepared to pay that amount over the next 15 years. She applauded Council for making the difficult choice to respect the City Charter, for valuing the safety of the residents and for following through on the plan and making a tough financial choice which she believes will benefit all of them in the long run. She stated that she does not believe that any another solution exists. She explained that if for some reason the City allows a vote to amend its Charter, she predicts it would have difficulty passing because no one wants to add 6 or more mills to their taxes, especially when they already paid thousands for their roads. She added that her family avoids riding bikes on the roads and their regular walks to and from Hillside Elementary are quite frustrating as they have to be constantly vigilant where so as not to turn an ankle or trip and fall. She mentioned that due to poor drainage issues they have a constant stream of water in front of their lot and in the winter it turns to a solid sheet of ice; it is unsightly and unsafe. She stated that this sort of project can divide neighbors but she loves her neighborhood and values the friendships and she does not want to offend anyone or act rashly. She reassured Council that the vocal minority who are loudly speaking their dissent are only a small reflection of their neighborhood. She noted that when the original petition process was completed in 2014/15 just over 50% voted in favor of the road project, this may sound close but when approximately 20% do not respond at all, they were lumped with the 30% that were against the project. Mrs. Cowells stated that most agree that the roads need to be done and many in the dissenting group want the roads to cost less but the sad truth is, construction costs are on the rise and it is fair to assume that delaying the project will increase the price. She noted that other subdivisions cannot compare as they do not have the same existing road base and are not receiving the same features as theirs, such as drainage and curb systems. She stated that it would not make sense to replace the roads without correcting the drainage issues that have caused them to degrade to this point in the first place. She thanked Council again for making the difficult choice to respect the City Charter and value the safety of the residents of Independence Commons and asked that they consider following through with their plan.

Joseph Doa, Johnstown, Independence Commons, commented that he is a 16 year resident of the subdivision and they love the neighborhood. He stated that he is in support of the roads being upgraded in spite of the high costs. He noted that the roads appear to be a safety hazard and it was confirmed by the Pacer rating, in which their rating is lower than the minimum requirement. He explained that with the way the roads look right now it is a negative impact to the value of the houses and they are looking for the new roads to improve the value of the homes, which is an investment to all. He stated that the cost will only get higher with further delays and he asked that Council consider the safety of the residents and the voice of the majority of the households that voted for this improvement.

Walter DeMattia, Trenton Court, Independence Commons, expressed his thanks to Council for moving as far as they have on redoing the roads. He stated that the vast majority of the residents want the roads replaced. He stated that he has been a resident since 1988 and has seen the roads deteriorate over time, just like his home has and he has had to restore and renovate his home. He noted that with his home renovations he did not get dollar for dollar for everything that was done, but they are enjoying what they have put into it and it makes their lives better just like the new roads will. He stated that the concrete has deteriorated due to the freeze/thaw cycles and there are ruts that are about 5-6inches wide and deep, causing bicycle tires to get caught, people to turn their ankles and for strollers to drop into. Mr. DeMattia stated that he appreciates the informational meetings and feels City staff has done a great job and he is glad that Council is moving forward and have honored their request to go with concrete. He mentioned that Council has accommodated those that may be less fortunate and those that may have difficulty paying by stretching the assessment out over 15 years. He asked that Council not let the vocal minority scare them off and move forward with the project to get the infrastructure fixed and make it so it is a respectable road system to go with the character of the City.

Dennis Phenev, Old Homestead, Independence Commons, thanked Council for the way that they have conducted this matter and for the thoroughness. He stated that he is particularly impressed with the way the City employees have gone out of their way to answer all of the questions that any resident could possibly have in a mild and thoughtful manner, with intelligence and facts and that they have addressed the issue that there is no other alternative to replacing the roads. He stated he has lived in the subdivision since 1975 and never paid one penny for the roads other than what is on his taxes, and noted that the entire City has borne the cost to repair roads to the point at which it is impossible to repair them any longer. He stated that the residents had the opportunity to address these issues years ago and could have done so at a less costly amount, and for whatever reason it did not move forward. Council now has the opportunity to do something about the roads and they have voted to do so. He explained that there is a minority of folks that do not want the roads replaced but there is no alternative since they are beyond repair after 50 years of patching. He added that if the project is delayed, costs will go up 12-20%. He thanked Council for the opportunity to speak and asked them to step up to the responsibility and take care of the roads.

Diane Shirey, Trenton Court, Independence Commons, commented that she is in favor of the roads and has been working on this for a couple of years. She stated that she went door to door to make sure that everyone had an opportunity to either sign in favor or not and at that time and presented a petition with over 50% signing in favor. She explained that as this drags out there is a lot of dissention between the neighbors and she was hopeful that with the new policy that this would not happen, since they felt that the Pacer rating would be objective. She stated that there is a vocal minority group in their neighborhood who has been adamant that they do not want this project to go forward and think that if they oppose the roads, they can get money returned and not have to pay. She agrees that this is an issue for the entire City and if the roads do not move forward, other residents in other subdivisions who oppose will see that all they need to do is threaten to file an appeal and the City will stop. She added that she is a realtor in the area and she does not want to see the roads in these conditions. She thanked Council for listening and encouraged them to move forward in two weeks.

Kathy Smith, Trenton, Independence Commons, commented that she has been a resident for the last 11 years and during this short time the roads have been a constant topic. She stated that this was voted down previously and the cost has continued to go up and asked that before it goes up anymore for Council to please vote for the road repairs. She stated that the roads are a safety issue as there are families that have wagons and strollers and walk their children to Hillside and since there are no sidewalks they have to walk in the road. She noted that to avoid the potholes and patches, cars zig zag down the road and that is a safety hazard as well. She stated that she understands that this is a tough decision but it is not really a choice at this point and she asked Council to move forward.

Kelly Yost, Crown Pointe Ct., Independence Commons, commented that they moved to the neighborhood 3 1/2 years ago after saving up for a long time to afford their house and they are very proud of their house but not proud of their roads. She stated that when people come to see them in their new home their children explained to them that the roads need to be fixed and they do not feel safe riding their bikes or scooters. She stated that she walks to and from Hillside most days and the cracks in the road have been a problem. She noted that she has been a yes proponent of this project from the beginning and even though she is on a corner lot and will be paying \$22,500, 14% over the regular assessment, which is a big pill to swallow with a young family, they continue to support this project. She thanked Council for their consideration.

Diane Riley, Livingston Ct., Independence Commons, commented that they moved into the area 2 years ago and this has been a hot topic the entire time they have lived in Farmington Hills. She stated that maintenance comes along with owning a home and things must be done to keep up the roads. She noted that their prior home had just gone through a recent assessment because they need good roads that are safe for the kids. She stated it is a lot of money but she would rather get it over with now before her kids get into college. She thanked Council for listening.

Ron Rapson, Johnstown, Independence Commons, commented that he is a 25 year resident of Farmington Hill and a 17 year resident of the subdivision. He stated that it is incredible how unsafe the roads are and as a biker, he cannot even get out of the subdivision to get on 11 Mile or Drake and the patchwork that was done this spring is already popping up. He noted that one of the biggest responsibilities governments have is to keep people safe and he believes that this is one way that the local government can help keep our subdivisions safe, by keeping the roads safe. He asked that Council consider voting yes because their subdivision needs this project.

Crystal Barrow, Trenton Ct, Independence Commons, commented that she moved into the neighborhood 3 years ago and at the time they purchased their home the roads were awful and they did not realize that one day they would be responsible for paying to replace them. They assumed the City would pay as they came from Farmington where the general taxes pay for the roads. She stated that there are other things she can do with that kind of money; but this is part of homeownership so as much as they do not want to pay, she wants to live in a neighborhood that is safe and enjoyable to be outside in. She noted that she is a runner and has fallen a couple times in the subdivision. She thanked Council for all the time spent in figuring out the logistics of this project and asked that they please keep the roads safe.

Bridget Millar, Crompton, Independence Commons, commented that she has been there for 13 years and is in favor of the roads as it is a safety concern. She stated that the drainage is horrific and cannot recall driving near her home when there have not been puddles. When they walk to and from Hillside, her kids try to avoid puddles as cars are coming towards them, so it is not only potholes but standing water as well. She stated that she was initially against the roads when she heard the cost as she was shocked, but she has now accepted it. She noted that she appreciates the careful consideration that Council has given to this issue, considering all aspects and not making rash decisions but they do not have a choice at this point. She stated that this is a tough decision but replacing the roads now is the right decision and will be for the good in the long run; and she hopes that Council will consider voting in favor.

Emily Lamott, Congress, Independence Commons, thanked Council for sticking with this project. She explained that February, 2014 is when this started for their neighborhood and through this process she has become frustrated. She stated that Council has a job to do and their number one job is to think of the City as a whole and she is frustrated that this project is taking so long and every month and every day it is costing her more because it is going up in price. She is also frustrated with the safety as she cannot step off their driveway due to the potholes and her kids cannot ride their bikes out of the driveway. She

thanked the engineering department as she has called them several times to have that area patched and to have sewer drains cleared out and they are there the next day doing what they can to help. She stated that there is a big decision to make and no matter what decision is made people will be frustrated for one reason or another. She noted that Council has heard loudly from the group that will be frustrated if this moves forward but they have not heard from the two-thirds that would be frustrated if this does not move forward. She stated that it is time to move forward because of the cost and safety.

Steve Kowalski, Old Homestead, Independence Commons, commented that if they could go back and change the City Charter so that the City Engineers would decide when and what roads get replaced, it is fair to say that their roads would have been replaced 10-15 years ago. He stated that it is overdue and it is time, and he does not think that anyone is interested in paying the price but that is what is in the Charter.

Bill Law, Trenton Ct, Independence Commons, commented that he has lived here for 22 years and his business is in real estate and he gets a lot of people that appreciate Farmington Hills for all the care they take with the residents. He stated that the subdivision will become controversial if the vote is against this project and in the future they will all have to pay for the roads in a different way. He noted that they voted Council into their positions, now they have to do their job and help them.

Paul McKee, Trenton Ct, Independence Commons, commented that he has live in the subdivision since 1973 and it is a beautiful subdivision with great neighbors and beautiful commons areas. Everything is great, except for the roads. He stated that it all comes down to money and ten years ago they could have repaired the roads at about \$8,000 per household and now it is at least \$10,000 more. If they do not repair it now it will be much more in 10 years, possibly \$40,000. He stated that they have to be repaired and questioned if they are not repaired now when will they be repaired and how long will it be put off and cost then. He stated that they made a terrible mistake ten years ago, and they need to get the roads fixed now.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following comments and announcements were made:

- Councilmember Rich's next Sunday walk is scheduled for June 12th at 1:30pm at the Library
- Councilmember Steckloff commented that when she was diagnosed with cancer she decided to go back and re-do some of her regrets so this weekend she will finally be walking across the stage at Purdue University as a graduate.
- Relay for Life is Saturday, May 21st at Shiawassee Park
- Memorial Day Parade is May 30th starting at 10am
- Rebuilding together was held this past Saturday and sponsors of the event were recognized for their donation of materials.

Mayor Massey added that the City Council is listening to everyone's comments with regard to the Independence Commons road project and thanked the residents for coming out and speaking this evening to let Council know there was more than one side. He understands and has noted their concerns with the safety issues. He stated that Council understands that this is an issue for the entire City and he knows that it all comes down to price. He stated that he has heard from residents of Independence Commons almost uniformly that the roads need to be done and there is a very vocal group that is affecting this overall issue. Mayor Massey stated that City Council will consider all of the thoughts and comments as they deliberate the issue of approving the contract at the next Council meeting.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Boyer mentioned the following:

- Drug Take Back event was hosted at the Police Department where they collected 179 lbs. of old medications of which to dispose.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day held has over 1900 cars come through to dispose of some type of household hazardous waste.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT, POWER AND AUTHORITY TO LAY, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE GAS MAINS, PIPES AND SERVICES AND TO DO A LOCAL GAS BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS.

City Attorney Gary Dove explained that the Consumers Energy Franchise was originally approved in 1986 and per Michigan law, it cannot extend beyond 30 years, so the franchise would be expiring as of June 1, 2016. He stated that he provided a memo to Council explaining the proposed ordinance granting another franchise to Consumers Energy and several changes that were made based on suggestions of himself and the Attorney for Consumers energy.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Introduction of an Ordinance, granting to Consumers Energy Company, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, for a period of thirty (30) years.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FROM INDIAN RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. FOR A NEW RESORT CLASS C ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LIQUOR LICENSE ISSUED UNDER MCL 436.1531(3) WITH NEW DANCE-ENTERTAINMENT, CATERING AND SUNDAY SALES (PM) PERMITS TO BE LOCATED AT 29205 ORCHARD LAKE ROAD.

City Clerk Smith explained that this is a request for a new Resort Class C liquor license through the State and would not affect the city's quota. She explained that the request originally came through as one for a new Resort Class C Economic Development Liquor License; however it is her understanding that it has been clarified by the applicant's Attorney Patrick Howe that this is not an Economic Development license. Attorney Howe is present to clarify his client's request.

Attorney Howe explained that the request is for a new Resort Class C license through the State and he outlined criteria that must be met in order to qualify to the State for such a license. He confirmed that there should be no reference to an Economic Development liquor license, which is another type available through the State, but one that requires a greater investment.

MOTION by Knol, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts the resolution for approval to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for the request from Indian Restaurant Group, Inc. for a new Resort Class C License Issued under MCL 436.1531(3) and new Dance-Entertainment, Catering and Sunday Sales (PM) permits to be located at 29205 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, MI.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS FOR THE GREAT MARTYR SAINT GEORGE OF KRATOVO MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC ON MAY 30, 2016 AND CHURCH FESTIVAL ON JULY 30TH AND JULY 31ST, 2016.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for The Great Martyr Saint George of Kratovo Macedonian Orthodox Church located at 29141 West Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills, to hold their Macedonian-American Memorial Day Picnic on May 30th, 2016 from 2pm to 9pm and Macedonian Church Festival on July 30th and 31st, 2016 from 2pm to 9pm, subject to the following conditions:

- Each event will require an approved electrical inspection and electrical permit prior to the start of the event
- No signs shall be in the right-of-way
- The event shall comply with minimum Fire Prevention Code requirements
- Fire lanes shall not block/restrict egress for the building
- Proponent shall schedule a fire inspection prior to beginning of the events
- The applicant shall obtain approval from the Liquor Control Commission prior to selling alcohol
- No cash sales shall be made in the tent area
- Ample on-site parking for attendees of the event shall be provided
- The location will be free of obstacles that would inhibit emergency police and fire response
- The applicant has requested no police assistance for this event

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE 5TH ANNUAL CIPRIANO CLASSIC 5K RACE TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2016.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for the 5th Annual Cipriano Classic 5K Race to be held on Friday, June 3, 2016 from 6pm-9pm, subject to the following conditions:

- An electrical permit must be obtained and an approved electrical inspection completed before the event
- Event organizers should be providing their own traffic control
- The event will not block or restrict fire lanes
- Any electrical equipment outside shall comply with the Fire Prevention Code and Electrical Code
- The route is mainly in the residential area behind the YMCA
- There will be approximately 1200 runners
- There will be 50 volunteers throughout the race route
- The stage will be located in the grassy area
- The applicant has been in contact with the Fire Department for medical response
- There will be ample parking for all attendees in the area of the event
- There will be a DJ playing music at a low volume and will not disturb neighbors
- The residents of Kendallwood Subdivision will be notified of the event by the YMCA
- The applicant shall pay overtime costs associated with Police assistance for the event and as agreed upon between the applicant and the Police Department.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PURCHASE OF A 2016 VACALL SEWER VACUUM TRUCK TO SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$285,044.31. CMR 5-16-51

MOTION by Lerner, support by Steckloff,, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve a purchase order the Southeastern Equipment Company of Novi, Michigan, in the amount of \$285,044.31, which reflects the trade-in of vehicles #9239, #9223, #9225 and #251 for \$85,000.00 for the purchase of a 2016 Vacall Sewer Vacuum Truck.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF PURCHASE FOR A REPLACEMENT TIRE CHANGING MACHINE AND INSTALLATION TO WRIGHT TOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,572.00. CMR 5-16-52

MOTION by Lerner, support by Steckloff,, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve a purchase order to Wright Tool in the amount of \$13,572.00 for the purchase and installation of a tire changing machine.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR A 2016 JOHN DEERE 624K HIGH-LIFT WHEEL LOADER TO AIS CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$124,586.00. CMR 5-16-53

MOTION by Lerner, support by Steckloff,, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve a purchase order with AIS Construction of New Hudson, Michigan, in the amount of \$124,586.00, which reflects the trade-in of vehicle #259 for \$81,000 for the purchase of a 2016 John Deere 624K High-Lift Wheel Loader.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FIVE PICK-UP TRUCK SNOW PLOWS TO S.T.E., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,859.32. CMR 5-16-54

MOTION by Lerner, support by Steckloff,, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to approve a purchase order with S.T.E., Inc. in the amount of \$22,859.32 for the purchase and installation pf five pick-up truck snow plows.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7 - 0.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2016.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of April 25, 2016 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1.

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2016.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Rich, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of April 25, 2016 as submitted.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY, RICH AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: BRIDGES

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-1.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

The City Attorney's report was received by Council and there were no questions.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Massey adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 9:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk