

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
APRIL 27, 2015 – 7:30PM
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER

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

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

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Clerk Smith, Assistant City Manager Boyer, Directors Gardiner, Gajda and Lasley, Fire Chief Bartsch, Police Chief Nebus, City Attorney Joppich and Planning Consultant Arroyo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jerry Ellis, former Mayor, led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

COMMISSION FOR ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY “TIP OF THE MONTH”

The following Tip of the Month was read by Councilmember Bruce:

Commission for Energy and Environmental Sustainability
Tip of the Month

After moving the Earth Day event inside due to snow, it’s hard to believe that gardening season is right around the corner. Knowing the basics behind organic gardening can put you on the right path to creating your own Garden of Eden. Use these tips to help you cultivate a successful and bountiful garden:

- Test your soil - Before planting, determine the measure of acidity or alkalinity of your soil. For most vegetables, the magic number is 6.5.
- Use containers - Most vegetables can be grown successfully in containers. Experts suggest using large containers vs. small containers. Small containers can dry out quickly and limit plant growth.
- Build a raised garden bed - A raised bed is the way to go if your soil is not up to snuff. Construct your bed using materials such as brick, untreated wood or stone.
- Grow companion plants - When placed in proximity, some plants actually help their neighbors grow by enriching the soil and repelling pests, which helps avoid the use of fertilizers and pesticides.

- Go for quality, not quantity - While you want to plant a little more than you'll need, if you overdo it, you'll have too much for yourself and even your neighbors, which leads to waste.
- Use a soaker hose - Soaker hoses conserve water by directing water at the roots and keeping plant leaves dry, making them less susceptible to fungus.
- Reuse rainwater - Rain barrels and cisterns help conserve water and money by capturing runoff from the roof. You can find rain barrels and cisterns online or make your own.
- Weed the old fashioned way - Pull weeds by hand rather than using herbicides.

Putting your energy into a garden can be a great way to get outside, spend time with family, relieve stress, and reduce energy usage – not to mention all of the great fruits and vegetables you get to enjoy.

Put your energy where it counts and learn more about how you can help the Greater Farmington Community bring home the \$5 million Energy Prize by going to www.sustainablefh.com. Happy gardening!

PRESENTATION OF A LIFESAVING AWARD

Fire Chief Bartsch stated that this was a cardiac arrest situation and he thanked the Council for the opportunity to recognize those involved in this team effort.

Jim Etzin, EMS Coordinator, explained the cardiac arrest incident that had occurred on February 22, 2015. He noted that the Fire Department had recently evaluated their procedures when it came to cardiac arrests and they transitioned from having the Dispatchers provide instruction for conventional CPR to what is called "Hands Only" CPR where they instruct the caller to provide for compressions only. This procedure was used during this incident. Mr. Etzin recognized Fran Toth, Farmington Hills Dispatcher, for her efforts during this event and presented her with a Life Saving Award.

Life Saving Awards were also presented to the firefighters that responded during the incident.

Mr. Etzin introduced Mr. Philip Weiss who was the patient that evening that went into cardiac arrest and Mr. Smith, the resident who provided CPR with the assistance from Dispatcher Toth prior to the arrival of the firefighters.

Mr. Weiss and Mr. Smith approached the podium and Mr. Smith relayed a message from Mr. Weiss as he signed. He noted that Mr. Weiss wanted to thank everyone for giving their time and working as a team as every second meant a lot to him and maybe two or three more seconds more he would not be here. Thank you to everyone and he is proud of everyone that is here tonight. From the moment his heart stopped they were there and he really appreciates it.

Mr. Smith stated that he also appreciated the efforts of the Dispatcher and Firefighters involved and especially during the call from the beginning. He new CPR but did not know about the new Hands Only method and those efforts made a huge difference. The hospital was great and the changes made a huge difference and changed their world. He thanked everyone involved.

Fire Chief Bartsch presented Mr. Smith with a Civilian Citation for his actions during the incident. A group photo was taken with Mayor Brickner.

Mr. Etzin reported that the changes made in CPR have resulted in several more lives being saved. He attributed this to more people learning CPR and the new dispatch software assisting staff in their role.

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey commended the Fire Department for their efforts and stated that it sometimes takes residents to take those critical first steps and that is why the city keeps urging citizens to take the CPR classes. He stated that the Fire Department is hosting a CPR/AED training class on June 17th from 5:30-9pm; contact Fire Headquarters at 248.871-2800. Mr. Massey added that this is also why he continues to push the schools to include CPR in their curriculum and the Council has passed a resolution to that effect. He commented that in communities where CPR is being taught, it has been extremely successful in raising the survival rates.

Mr. Etzin thanked Council and the community for their support.

PRESENTATION OF BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Carol Posby, Co-Chair, presented the annual report to City Council, noting the projects and accomplishments of the Beautification Commission.

Councilmember Knol thanked Carol for her report and Charmaine for her efforts with the Commission. She stated that this is a very creative, energetic Commission with an important mission.

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 9, 2015 AS “LETTER CARRIERS’ FOOD DRIVE DAY”

The following proclamation was ready by Councilmember Steckloff and accepted by Shelly Bostick:

**Letter Carriers’ Food Drive Day
May 9, 2015**

WHEREAS, every year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers across the country collect non-perishable food as part of the nation’s largest one-day food drive, distributing the donations to local food banks; and

WHEREAS, the Letter Carriers’ Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is just one example of how letter carriers work to make a difference in the lives of those they serve; and

WHEREAS, since the pilot drive was held in 1991, more than a billion pounds of food have been collected, plus all of the food collected in our community stays in our community; and

WHEREAS, we would like to recognize all letter carriers for their hard work, their commitment and dedication to their communities, and their efforts to help those in need.

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 May 9, 2015 as **Letter Carriers’ Food Drive Day** in the City of Farmington Hills and encourage the citizens of our community to help those in need and support the food drive by placing non-perishable food items in or near their mailboxes on Food Drive Day.

Shelly Bostick, Letter Carrier in Farmington Hills, thanked the residents of Farmington Hills for their efforts as Farmington Hills is always in the top 3 as far as the most food collected throughout the year. She encouraged residents to keep giving and thanked them for their participation and generosity.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

- Letters from residents of Briar Hill Subdivision asking for road improvements in their subdivision.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Lerner, 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

Dan Irvin, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, announced that the Founders Festival is being held July 16-18, 2015. He was approached by Mayor Pro-Tem Massey and Mayor Galvin of Farmington and they are trying to improve the Founders Festival Parade this year and get more community involvement. The Parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2015 with a patriotic theme, "There's No Place Like Home, USA". He noted that Vince Pastue, Farmington City Manager, will be the Grand Marshall for the Parade. Applications for participation can be found at www.foundersfestival.com

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey elaborated on the theme and community involvement.

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following was acknowledged by Council:

- City staff held a Lunch N Learn that included CPR training
- Earth Day Celebration was held at City Hall on April 22nd
- Councilmembers participated in the Special Olympics Bowl-A-Thon on Saturday, April 18th.
- Kevin Kyles received the Rainbow Excellence Award at the MCMR Rainbow Recognition breakfast
- Meeting with Chief Bartsch on the Fire Department services and training and Council is grateful for the efforts of that Department.
- YMCA 50th Year Anniversary Lunch on May 12th at Botsford Hospital
- Turn-Around Achievements Awards for youth who have turned their life around in the right direction
- Rebuilding Together was held this past weekend where members of the community make improvements to various homes in the community
- Beautification trash pick-up day
- Arbor Day this past Friday, April 24th
- Election Day is May 5, 2015 and there are two proposals on the ballot
- Change in location for voters at Precinct 27 from St. Alexander's Church to Greater Seth Temple
- Clerk's Office is open on Saturday for Election Business only from 8:30am until 2pm. This is the last day to request an absent voter ballot to be mailed

- Monday up until 4pm is the last day to request an absent voter ballot in person at the City Clerk's Office
- South Farmington Baseball Parade is this Saturday, May 2nd

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Assistant City Manager Boyer provided an update on the following:

- Household Hazardous Waste Drop off is Saturday, May 9th from 9am-2pm at OCC
- Beautification plant and seed swap taking place on May 16th at HP from 8:30 to 10:30am.
- Orchard West and Woodcreek Subdivisions road improvement construction
- Saturday May 16th and 17th from 10am to 10am is Relay for Life at Shiawassee Park

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 2015/2016 PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS. CMR 4-15-39

Charmaine Kettler-Schmult, Special Projects and Community Development Coordinator, stated that federal regulations require that a public hearing is held to discuss and approve the annual use of CDBG Funds that are used to benefit low or moderate income persons or areas as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She noted that the City will be receiving \$312,647 from HUD in entitlement funds and she outlined the projected use of funds. Mrs. Kettler-Schmult added that 3 organizations have requested funding that would come out of the administration fund, including Haven and Common Ground who have requested funding in the past. She stated that Haven has increased their request for funding from \$5,000 to \$5,500 and the request of Farmington and Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families is new this year to assist homeless families. She stated that since the organization does not directly assist families, she would work with them to establish an organization such as South Oakland Shelter that would work directly with the homeless families if Council were to approve the funding.

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey inquired if the funding for the organizations could be split between the Housing Rehab, Capital Improvements and Administration accounts rather than all out of Administration. He commented on the services the organizations provide and stated that he would like the City to support those needs in the community but did not want to deplete any particular fund.

Charmaine responded that the funding has been included as part of the Administration funds as was past practice.

Councilmember Knol asked for more information as to how the City will verify the funds are being used for homeless families and that they are staying in the community. She wants to make sure that the funds are used on neighborhood stabilization efforts here in Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Kettler-Schmult responded that documentation would be required before funds are released.

Councilmember Lerner stated that the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation started a dedicated fund for homeless families at their Gala where they raised approximately \$7,500. He noted that there are over 100 homeless children that have been identified in the school systems right now and he feels this is a worthy cause.

Councilmember Bridges applauded the efforts to help the homeless in the community. He inquired how organizations become aware that the funds are available. Mrs. Kettler-Schmult responded that during the 5 year consolidated planning, the City sends out letters to service organizations within the community and nearby communities to let them know the city is planning for the future and that CDBG funds are available for qualified activities.

Mayor Brickner inquired how the City makes a determination as to how much money will be included for Administration costs.

Mrs. Kettler-Schmult stated that the capital improvement fund is based on the costs of projects identified in the community and housing rehabilitation is adjusted based on the needs of community. She noted that there are percentage limitations on administrative funding and public services that comes through from HUD. She noted that the recommendation this evening includes the requested funding from the Administration fund.

Mayor Brickner opened the public hearing.

Jerry Ellis, High Valley, commented that he has lived in the community for 40 years and was not aware that the City had a problem with homelessness until a year and half ago when he attended a Foundation meeting and was advised that there were many homeless kids in the schools. At that time, the Foundation donated funds for coats and boots and education materials for the kids. When planning for the Foundation Gala event, he suggested holding a fundraiser for the homeless in the community. Mr. Ellis stated that there are approximately 100 families in the community who lost their homes but are staying in the community to keep their children in the schools and the schools have a program to handle this and there are federal regulations, but no funding. He stated that they raised almost \$8,000 for this initiative at the Gala event. He stated that he realized they would qualify for CDBG funding; but they are not a service organization so they partner with organizations that directly service the people. He stated that they intend to work with the South Oakland Shelter that offers rental assistance dollars, emergency housing and clothing and counseling for up to 12 months to assist the homeless. If the funds are approved, they would direct them to be used to assist families that live in Farmington Hills, whether that is in a motel, car or with friends and family. Mr. Ellis added that the South Oakland Shelter is already working with several families in the community and they work to stabilize the families and then help with finding jobs, etc.

Councilmember Bridges thanked Mr. Ellis for bringing this forward and applauded his efforts in the community on this issue and also with regard to the school bond proposal.

Mr. Ellis thanked Council for their time and consideration.

Discussion was held on Councilmember Lerner's recommendation to increase the funding for the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation from \$7,500 to \$10,000 and Councilmember Massey's suggestion to increase funding for Common Ground by \$500-\$1,000. Council consensus was to maintain the funding levels at what has been requested by the organizations.

Mr. Ellis stated that while he appreciated the request to provide for more funding, he would be grateful for the \$7,500 and will make sure they the money is used as he discussed this evening.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the Community Development Block Grant Program budget to include: 1) \$225,000 for housing rehabilitation, 2) \$112,831 for capital improvements, and 3) \$92,800 for program administration to

include \$5,500 to HAVEN, \$2,000 to Common Ground Sanctuary and \$7,500 to Farmington and Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby approves the capital improvement portion of the budget for sidewalk and sidewalk ramp installations on the east side of Gill Road between Nine Mile and Colfax, \$112,831 (PY 2015/2016); and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager be authorized to prepare and submit an application for Community Development Block Grant funds to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by May 15, 2015.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FARMINGTON HILLS CITY CODE, CHAPTER 34, "ZONING", TO REVISE STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO DRIVE-THROUGH STANDARDS, PARKING, PERMITTED AND SPECIAL APPROVAL USES IN THE LI-1, B-2 AND B-3 DISTRICTS, REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS AND SITE STANDARDS, DISTRICTS IN WHICH A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) IS ALLOWED, AND PENALTIES; ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 1, 2015.

Director of Planning and Community Development Gardiner explained that this is a proposed ordinance amendment to the Zoning Chapter initiated by the Planning Commission that contains several housekeeping items meant to clarify the existing language and contains other ordinance amendments identified to improve upon zoning regulations. He added that this is a public hearing and introduction of the ordinance; and if approved by Council, it would come back to City Council at their next meeting for enactment.

Mayor Brickner mentioned that more districts were included in the PUD ordinance through this amendment and some of the proposed changes will make it easier for businesses to move into the community or revitalize the properties. Mr. Gardiner confirmed that this was the reason for some of the proposed changes.

Councilmember Lerner inquired about the proposed requirement for a traffic study to be submitted when two businesses are sharing a parking lot and have different peak hours. He inquired if the City could handle that.

Rod Arroyo, Planning Consultant, stated that this is more common with developments that would generate a lot of traffic and requiring a traffic study that the City would then review. He stated that if someone is asking for a significant change, the Planning Commission felt a traffic study would help in the decision making process. Mr. Arroyo believed that most developments would fall within the 20% threshold and would not be subject to this requirement.

Mayor Brickner commented on the ability to use parking spaces to fulfill requirements that are within 300 feet of the establishment and inquired if it should be clarified that it had to be within the community.

It was determined that this was not required at this time in Farmington Hills; but if Council wanted to include that it would be an additional amendment and would require a public hearing at the Planning Commission level.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an Ordinance amending City Code, Chapter 34, "Zoning," to revise standards and regulations relating to drive-through standards, parking, permitted and special approval uses in the LI-1, B-2 and B-3 Districts, required improvements and site standards, Districts in which a Planned Unit Development (PUD) is allowed, and penalties; Zoning Text Amendment 1, 2015.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

Mayor Pro-Tem Massey stated that he liked the idea of cleaning up some of the city ordinances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TAX SHARING AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY AND THE GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY. CMR 4-15-40

Assistant to the City Manager Geinzer explained that in August, 2014 a public hearing was held on the merits of a proposed Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan as it relates to the Grand River Corridor. Prior to that public hearing, all of the potentially affected taxing jurisdictions were notified and per statute they are provided a 60 day window in which they can pass a resolution to opt out of having their tax increment captured. He noted that Oakland County did pass such a resolution and referred the matter to their TIF District Review Committee to evaluate a tax sharing agreement. Mr. Geinzer stated that after months of negotiation, they have come to the agreement that is before Council this evening. He discussed the terms of the agreement and stated that staff is recommending Council confirmation of receipt and acceptance of this agreement.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Massey, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the receipt and its acceptance of the Tax Sharing Agreement with Oakland County and the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE WITH SUNDAY SALES (PM), DANCE-ENTERTAINMENT AND SPECIFIC PURPOSE (BOWLING) PERMITS TO MICHAEL LANGAN AND MARY SHRADER, NORWEST LANES LLC, LOCATED AT 32905 NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY.

Tom Langan, representing his family, explained that Norwest Lanes was opened in 1948 and his father and grandfather built it and the family has operated the business continually since that time. He noted that due to the passing of his father, the license is being transferred within the family to Michael Langan and Mary Shrader who have been managing the bowling alley since 1984.

MOTION by Knol, support by Lerner, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby recommends APPROVAL to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission of the request from Norwest Lanes, LLC for

the transfer of ownership of a Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales (PM), Dance-Entertainment, and Specific Purpose (Bowling) permits located at 32905 Northwestern, Farmington Hills, MI, Norwest Lanes, LLC to Michael Langan and Mary Shrader.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

TRANSMITTAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN (CIP) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015/2016 - 2020/2021.

City Planner Mark Stec explained that this plan is an annual document prepared in accordance with state law as well as the City Charter and is to be transmitted to City Council in April for Council consideration as they prepare the budget. He stated that the Planning Commission held a study session in January to discuss the list of items submitted by the various departments to be included in the Capital Improvement Plan and approved the Plan at a public hearing on March 26, 2015.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby accepts the transmittal of the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) for the fiscal years 2015/2016 – 2020/2021.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF A POLICY FOR DIRECTED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. CMR 4-15-41

Director of Public Services Mekjian explained that the proposed policy would establish a process for the Department of Public Services staff to evaluate and recommend directed road reconstruction special assessment districts to the City Manager and City Council. Roads considered for a Directed Special Assessment will have an average PASER rating of 2.75 or less, which are roads at the end of their useful life, a public health and safety deficiency and detriment to the community as a whole. He stated that this policy was discussed in detail at several Council study sessions and noted during last year's discussion of the road millage ballot proposal.

Mr. Mekjian further outlined the details of the policy.

Councilmember Bridges inquired about the process once a road is given a PASER rating of 2.75 or less. Mr. Mekjian explained that the road would be included in a Capital Improvement Program and would be prioritized based on a number of variables. He clarified that it would not automatically lead to an assessment on the property. City Council would consider all of the CIP items and determine whether or not to proceed with the project.

Mayor Brickner commented that some language changes were discussed at the study session and he asked the City Attorney to mention those changes.

City Attorney Joppich stated that if the policy were adopted this evening, the suggested language change to Item #9 should be included as part of the motion. He noted that a new sentence was added to the beginning of Item #9 and a portion of the last sentence was deleted. Item #9 was modified as follows:

9. When a district reaches a PASER rating of 4 or less, the property owners in the district will be notified in writing by City staff. This policy does not preclude residents from utilizing the process of submitting petitions to City Council for an SAD for reconstruction of their roads or other capital pavement preservation practice, as appropriate for the pavement condition and as approved by the Director of Public Services in their neighborhood ~~if the average PASER rating is above 3.~~

Councilmember Massey thanked Director Mekjian and his staff and the City Attorney for all of their efforts in bringing this policy before Council. There has been much debate amongst Council on this issue and he is glad to see this policy before Council for consideration. He feels the petitioning process has created animosity in the past amongst neighbors and while it is not being taken away, it is being amended. He noted that now Council, who has always had the responsibility, will have the opportunity with this PASER rating standard to step up and determine that the roads need repair. He added that this will also help those areas that have no formal association.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts the attached Directed Special Assessment for Road Improvements Policy, as amended to include the changes read into the record by the City Attorney.

Councilmember Lerner also thanked staff for their hard work in preparing this policy that he feels has addressed all of the concerns and comments mentioned by Council.

Councilmember Steckloff stated that while they all believe in the safety of the residents and agree that some of the roads are in terrible condition, she will not be supporting the policy for the sole reason that she does not believe government has the right to force taxation on the residents for this purpose.

Councilmember Bridges stated that he will also be voting against the policy based on the fact that he is concerned over changing the existing policy that has been in place for many years for the residents to decide to tax themselves. He feels the petitioning efforts have worked in the past and that this has come before Council due to one subdivision not meeting the majority. He spoke to many residents and there is strong support for roads to be repaired and support for the changes proposed; but there is also opposition based on the fact that residents feel they should not have a tax imposed upon them for their roads. Mr. Bridges added that he also felt that a third party should be conducting the assessment on the roads to provide for transparency.

Councilmember Bruce expressed full support for the policy amendment and stated that this is something he has been lobbying for over the years. He feels this puts the City back in charge of what happens to the roads and that while the petitioning effort sometimes worked, it has also created animosity between neighbors at times. He feels putting Council and staff back in charge of maintaining the roads positions them as a City that can compete with other cities and not lose residents. He believes the administration has to step in at times and do what is good for the entire City. Dr. Bruce added that the petitioning process is still available, but he believes this is a good, logical policy.

Councilmember Knol agreed that this is a good policy as there are many miles of roads in horrible condition in the City. She feels the policy is organized and will allow the City to evaluate and prioritize maintenance of the roads based on data. She added that the City has the responsibility to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and some of the roads simply are not safe. She feels that improving the roads will also protect the home values and the quality of life in the City.

Mayor Brickner commented that the Charter has always allowed for the City Council to do directed special assessment districts, but there was no policy in place. He added that not all areas of the City have

organized subdivision associations to start the petitioning process and this policy would help with the maintenance of those roads. When this issue was being discussed, he asked for a standard that could be used to determine when roads should be repaired and the PASER rating is being used for that purpose. He feels using the CIP program is a good way to look at the City as a whole and helps prioritize the projects.

MOTION CARRIED 5- 2 (Bridges and Steckloff opposed)

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF COOPERATIVE BID FOR ROCK SALT TO DETROIT SALT IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$285,550 ANNUALLY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/16 AND \$295,550 ANNUALLY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/17. CMR 4-15-42

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue purchase orders to Detroit Salt in the estimated amount of 5,000 tons or \$285,550 annually for fiscal year 2015-16 and \$295,550 for fiscal year 2016-17.

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 CONCRETE REPLACEMENT IN THE ZAMBONI ROOM AT THE ICE ARENA TO HARTWELL CEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$16,807.00. CMR 4-15-43

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase for Concrete Replacement in the Zamboni Room at the Ice Arena, in an amount not to exceed \$16,807.

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 2015 AND 2016 DIRT AND DEBRIS HAULING CONTRACT TO ELLSWORTH INDUSTRIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,145.00 PER YEAR; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 4-15-44

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to sign a contract with Ellsworth Industries in the amount of \$38,145.00 per year, with possible extensions through mutual consent between the City and the contractor.

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 PURCHASE OF A HOOK-LOADING THREE-CUBIC YARD DUMP TRUCK TO GORNO FORD FOR A FORD F-550 TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,109.00 AND TO TRUCK AND TRAILER SPECIALTIES OF DUTTON, MI FOR TWO SWAP LOADER ATTACHMENTS AND SLIP-IN SALT UNIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,173.00. CMR 4-15-45

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Gorno Ford, Woodhaven, Michigan, for a total of \$52,109 for the purchase of a Ford F-550 truck, and authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Truck and Trailer Specialties of Dutton, MI, for an amount not to exceed \$72,173 for the purchase of two swap-loader attachments and a slip-in salt unit.

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 CONTRACT FOR IRRIGATION SYSTEM SERVICES TO AMERICAN SPRINKLER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 PER YEAR; WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 4-15-46

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to approve a contract with American Sprinkler in the amount not to exceed \$25,000 per year for Irrigation System Services with possible extensions, upon mutual consent between the City and the contractor.

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 2015 AND 2016 PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM TO P.K. CONTRACTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$282,482, WITH POSSIBLE EXTENSIONS. CMR 4-15-47

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager and the City Clerk to sign a contract with P.K. Contracting in the amount of \$282,482 with possible extensions through mutual consent between the City and the Contractor.

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 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITIES UNDER OAKLAND COUNTY'S 2015 WEST NILE VIRUS PROGRAM. CMR 4-15-48

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, upon the recommendation of the Oakland County Executive, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners has established a West Nile Virus Fund Program to assist Oakland County cities, villages and townships in addressing mosquito control activities; and

WHEREAS, Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund Program authorizes Oakland County cities, villages and townships to apply for reimbursement of eligible expenses incurred in connection with mosquito larviciding.

WHEREAS, the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, has incurred expenses in connection with mosquito control activities that are eligible for reimbursement under Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Council authorizes and directs its DPW Superintendent, Kevin McCarthy, as agent for the City of Farmington Hills, to request reimbursement of eligible mosquito control activity under Oakland County's West Nile Virus Fund Program.

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 A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR MOTOR CITY HARLEY DAVIDSON TO HOST BIKE NIGHT EVENTS ON VARIOUS DATES IN MAY, JUNE AND JULY, 2015.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for Motor City Harley Davidson located at 34900 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, to hold Bike Night Events on May 2nd and 16th, June 6th and 12th and July 18th from 4pm to 7pm and an Open House Family Event on May 9th from 11am to 3pm, subject to the following conditions:

- Compliance with all LCC regulations with regard to the sale of alcohol and according to the application submitted.
- The applicant shall contact Fire Prevention at least 48 hours to provide advance notice for scheduling a site inspection for each event.
- If there is a need for any deviation from the submitted site plan, prior approval will be required and an updated plan shall be submitted for review/approval.
- The event shall comply with the minimum Fire prevention Code requirements
- Egress from the facility or within and around the tent shall not be blocked or restricted
- Fire lanes shall not be blocked or restricted
- The tent's side panels shall be open during event operations.
- Any temporary electrical power or connections shall be inspected and approved by the City's electrical inspector.
- The Building Code allows for a temporary platform to be used for no more than 30 days; therefore, the proposed stage will need to be removed between uses.

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 A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR TWO MEN AND A TRUCK, IN CONJUNCTION WITH KROGER STORE #619 LOCATED AT 37550 W. TWELVE MILE ROAD, TO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL "MOVED TO CARE" CLOTHING DRIVES ON JUNE 10, 2015 AND SEPTEMBER 16, 2015.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves a Special Event Permit for Two Men and a Truck and Kroger Store #619, 37550 W Twelve Mile Road, to conduct their 9th Annual "Moved to Care" Clothing Drives to benefit the Church of Holy Family Wardrobe Closet on June 10, 2015 and September 16, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., subject to the following conditions: the events will not block or restrict Fire Lanes and the site will be free of obstacles to allow for Police and Fire response, ample on-site parking is provided for attendees and a sufficient number of volunteers and/or employees will be available to staff the events.

Roll Call Vote:

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

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORTS.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby acknowledges the quarterly investment and third quarter financial summary reports.

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 CANCELING THE MAY 25, 2015 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby cancels the regular City Council meeting of May 25, 2015 in honor of Memorial Day.

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 SCHEDULING CITY COUNCIL BUDGET STUDY SESSIONS FOR MAY 4, 6 AND 7, 2015.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby establishes the following budget study session meeting dates:

May 4th - 6:30pm - Community Room
May 6th - 6:30pm - Viewpoint Room
May 7th - 6:30pm - Viewpoint Room

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 APRIL 13, 2015.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the study session meeting minutes of April 13, 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

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2015.

MOTION by Lerner, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the regular meeting minutes of April 13, 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

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Brickner mentioned potential topics for the next regular City Council meeting of May 11, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brickner adjourned the City Council meeting at 9:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Smith', written over a horizontal line.

Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk