

MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING  
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM  
MARCH 11, 2019

The Study Session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Massey at 6:04pm.

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, Directors Gardiner and Mondora and City Attorneys Joppich and Dove

**GRAVEL ROAD CONVERSION POLICY**

Karen Mondora, Director of Public Services, reviewed the proposed Gravel Road Conversion Policy that provides procedures for citizens to follow when requesting that an existing gravel public road be paved by the City.

Discussion was held and it was suggested that the option for water and sewer be reviewed as needed before the roads are paved and to provide residents with a 2-3 week time frame to either add or remove their name from a petition to pave their roads. It was also suggested that the percentage in favor of paving the roads is changed from 60% as proposed in the policy to a simple majority in order to move the project forward but to maintain 60% in favor as a requirement to hold the initial public information meeting.

In response to Council comments, City Manager Boyer indicated the city would not likely separate subdivision streets and leave some unpaved as it is cost prohibitive. He added that if sewer or water is installed it would be provided through a payback district and residents would only be required to pay if and when they connected to either system.

**WIRELESS FACILITIES IN RIGHT-OF-WAY ORDINANCES**

City Attorney Gary Dove explained that some rules have changed from the time City Council last met on this issue and introduced several ordinances that included a license concept for wireless facilities. The FCC, through their administrative rules, no longer recognizes proprietary ownership by a community over its rights-of-way and the state and federal laws in place have several conflicting terms including permitted height and fees. He noted that he has attempted to include provisions from both state and federal laws as well as include aesthetic standards into the ordinances. The FCC ruled that a city can have certain regulations but they must be in place by April 14, 2019; therefore the intent was to discuss the ordinances in study session and then ask Council to introduce the ordinances at the regular meeting and bring them back for enactment on March 25, 2019.

The timeline for installation was mentioned and Attorney Dove stated that this would be up to the City. He indicated that the wireless facilities would be provided by way of a right-of-way and/or building permit and he included in the ordinances language from state law for the permit terms and conditions.

Discussion was held on the allowed height and fees. Attorney Dove stated that the ordinances as written allow for the higher height of 55 feet versus 50 feet at the higher fee. He noted that a fee resolution would also be on the agenda for Council's consideration when the ordinances come back for enactment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The study session meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Smith', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk