

MINUTES
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
JULY 22, 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, Knol, Lerner, Massey, Rich and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: Bruce

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

REVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER PROCUREMENT PROCESS

Andy Fountain, Senior Consultant for Plante Moran Cresa and the City's Owner's Representative for the Community Center Project discussed the proposed bidding process for the project that would include bidding out various bid packages and then bringing those to City Council for approval. He stated that all bidding would be done in conjunction with the city's purchasing department and follow the city's bidding policies with oversight by his firm.

Director of Central Services Kelly Monico added that the city would be taking advantage of cooperative bid efforts as well. In response to Mayor Pro-Tem Bridges, she explained the city's bidding procedures.

Mr. Fountain went on to explain the proposed bid packages and time line for the bid proposal, bid due dates, proposed Council action and construction start dates. He noted that the target construction start date is October 1, 2019 with a proposed substantial completion date of August 1, 2020 and turning the facility over to the city by September 1, 2020.

City Manager Boyer mentioned that on the regular session agenda this evening is a proposed resolution to authorize the sale of bonds up to 25 million to cover the costs of this project and potential improvements at the Costick Activities Center.

Discussion was held on improvements needed at the Costick Center.

It was suggested including information on the community center project on the city's website.

City Manager Boyer added that the city intends to hold a groundbreaking ceremony probably sometime in September, 2019 to further publicize the project.

Discussion was held on the use of the athletic fields in 2020 and City Manager Boyer stated that this would depend on the layout of the site during construction as safety could be a concern.

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS AT RILEY SKATE PARK

Mayor Massey explained that the proposed ordinance would prohibit bicycles and scooters at Riley Skate Park, which has been an ongoing problem.

Department of Special Services Ellen Schnackel stated that as a park rule bicycles have never been allowed at the skate park and this ordinance is being suggested to provide the Police Department with another enforcement tool for repeat offenders.

Discussion was held on having a violation of this ordinance be a civil infraction rather than a misdemeanor.

Attorney Joppich pointed out that any violation of Chapter 19 is currently a misdemeanor and in order to make a violation of this ordinance a civil infraction it would have to be removed from Chapter 19.

It was requested that Council is provided with Chapters 1 and 19 of the City Code for review to determine if any violations of Chapter 19 should be considered a civil infraction rather than a misdemeanor.

Mayor Massey suggested reviewing this in its entirety as a separate conversation but felt that some enforcement was needed now at the skate park.

City Manager Boyer clarified that City Council is not being asked to vote on the ordinance at their regular session meeting this evening and that it was only on the study session tonight for discussion. Staff would send Council City Code Chapters 1 and 19 for their review.

ADJOURNMENT

The study session meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk