



FINAL

JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND DDA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A Joint Meeting of the City Council and DDA Board was held on December 2, 2013, in City Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, MI. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Mayor William Galvin.

1. CALL TO ORDER - MAYOR GALVIN

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor	Present	
JoAnne McShane	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Jeff Scott	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Director Christiansen
City Manager Pastue
Attorney Schultz
Treasurer Weber
Deputy Clerk Wendel

DDA Board Members Present

President Melissa Andrade
Vice President Dan Higgins
Les Key
Sean Murphy

DDA Board Members Absent

Valerie Greer
Annette Knowles

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. CLOSED SESSION - LAND ACQUISITION

Motion to enter closed session to discuss land acquisition.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

The votes were taken in the following order: Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott, Cowley.

The DDA Board member votes were taken in the following order: Andrade, Galvin, Higgins, Key, Murphy.

Council entered closed session at 6:50 p.m.

Motion to exit closed session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

Council exited closed session at 8:50 PM.

5. COUNCIL AND DDA COMMENT

Scott congratulated Annette Knowles and Kevin Christiansen on getting past stumbling blocks and moving forward with the Farmington Road projects. He shared his conversation with Pastue regarding the importance of getting everyone on board in order to move future projects forward.

Higgins shared his concern regarding the failure of the school bond proposals and the impact on economic development.

Responding to a question by Dan Higgins, Pastue concurred the city doesn't want to lose Farmington families due to a perception that Farmington schools would no longer meet their children's educational needs.

Cowley shared concerns expressed by his restaurant patrons and downtown business owners regarding past and future road construction projects.

Pastue noted he was thankful there are no construction projects planned for the year 2014. He is hopeful there will be more contractors back on the market bidding on the city's proposed 2015 projects.

McShane shared her concerns regarding the Downtown Development Authority

(DDA). She recently visited several downtown businesses to recruit new DDA Board members. She approached a prominent business owner regarding becoming a DDA Board member. The owner expressed concern regarding the direction and purpose of the DDA. It was pointed out that the DDA has been diminished and since Vince Pastue and Annette Knowles have taken it over there was confusion on what they do or what they stand for. The owner declined to serve right now.

McShane then inquired how these questions might be addressed in the future. Whether it be with some statements, or something that goes out in a newsletter educating people as to the goals of the DDA and how this transition will affect the City. She hopes it will be a positive affect.

Pastue stated there is some validity in the confusion felt by Farmington business owners and residents regarding the reorganization. He stated the city has a great opportunity after all the pieces are in place. He advised Christiansen and Knowles will take advantage of the window of opportunity for the city's redevelopment.

Andrade concurred with McShane stating questions regarding the reorganization should be addressed.

Higgins stated the DDA has an opportunity to reposition themselves, refocus on their mission, and implement the Main St. Program at the grass roots and volunteer level.

Cowley referred to an MSU article that indicated the Main Street Program specifically has affected infill housing in the towns of Niles, Howell, Claire, Boyne City and Iron Mountain. He stated it is a Main Street solution. He loves that Pastue is driving the program and partnering with the DDA so that everyone is on the same page.

Andrade invited Council and city residents to take part in Holly Days, Saturday December 7th, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Galvin stated (3) three business owners are needed as members of the DDA Board, the resident quota has been filled. He noted recruitment of perspective members is a priority.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Mayor William Galvin

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: December 16, 2013