



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, March 18, 2019
City Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on March 18, 2019, in Farmington City Hall, 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 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Bowman.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
William Galvin	Councilmember	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor	Absent	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Director Christiansen
Director Demers
Superintendent Eudy
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Saarela
City Treasurer Weber

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Reynolds, 23634 Longacre Street, shared the Emergency Preparedness Committee Tips of the Month.

- 4. **APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Accept Minutes from City Boards and Commissions**
 - B. **Council Meeting Minutes**
 - a. **02-11-19 Joint Meeting FINAL**
 - b. **02-19-19 Special DRAFT**
 - c. **02-19-19 Regular DRAFT**
 - d. **03-04-19 Regular DRAFT**
 - C. **Farmington Monthly Payments Report**
 - D. **Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report**
 - E. **Daniel Westendorf resignation from the Historical Commission**
 - F. **Special Event Application: Swing Farmington**
 - G. **Amend the City Fee Schedule – Chapter 3 Cemetery**

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

RESULT: APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: LaRussa, Councilmember
SECONDER: Galvin, Councilmember

5. **APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA,**

Move to approve the regular agenda as amended, with the addition of Item 7G – Consideration to Approve a Proposal for Auditing Services.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: LaRussa, Councilmember
SECONDER: Galvin, Councilmember

6. **PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. **Proclamation recognizing Sergeant Reginald Madeline**

Mayor Pro Tem Bowman and Superintendent Demers presented a proclamation celebrating Sergeant Madeline’s heroic rescue of a Farmington resident.

B. **Special Event Application: Best Ever Egg Hunt, Riley Park, April 21**

Don Bryant, Jr., Pastor of ONE Community Church, told Council about the event he would like to host in Riley Park to bring families together.

Move to approve the Special Event Request for ONE Community Church to hold the “Best Ever Egg Hunt” at Riley Park on Sunday, April 21 from noon until 2 p.m.**

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Galvin, Councilmember
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Councilmember

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to accept bid and award the Public Surveillance Camera Project

Director Demers recapped the grant-supported project in question and introduced the winning bid. In response to a question by Galvin, Demers spoke of the company's familiarity with this type of project and history of completed projects in other communities. LaRussa asked whether the software package was included, and Demers responded that the department was already using the highest level of that particular software.

Move to accept bid and award the Public Surveillance Camera Project to Security Designs Inc. in the amount of: \$85,875.00.**

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
AYES:	Taylor, Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa
ABSENT:	Schneemann

B. Consideration to adopt resolution and allocate funds for the US-16 Drain Rehabilitation Project

Superintendent Eudy summarized the need for the US 16 Drain project and introduced Jeff Wilson, Drain Maintenance Engineer with Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's office to assist Council in understanding the project scope.

Galvin thanked Wilson for being here and asked him for Oakland County's perspective on this project. Wilson suggested that maintenance on a quarter of the drain would be beneficial and allow roads to stay intact. Galvin spoke of projects that are below ground but not less impactful than more visible projects.

Bowman asked how long this concrete pipe will continue to serve. Wilson said concrete pipes live 50-75 years and it is good for the Council to be considering the age of the drains in the community. He also indicated that the pipe in question will hold for another 10 years, when the pipe is again up for inspection.

Move to adopt resolution and allocate \$130,000 for the US-16 Drain Rehabilitation Project managed by Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner's office (OCWRC).**

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Taylor
ABSENT:	Schneemann

C. Consideration of resolution to Accept Oakland County West Nile Grant

Superintendent Eudy requested authorization for an annual grant from Oakland County to minimize or reduce mosquito larvae in the storm system.

Move to adopt resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a reimbursement request to Oakland County in the amount of \$1,375.97 under the West Nile Fund program.**

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Galvin, Councilmember
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
AYES:	Galvin, LaRussa, Taylor, Bowman
ABSENT:	Schneemann

D. Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month

City Manager Murphy gave background on the request from CARE House of Oakland County to proclaim April Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

Move to adopt proclamation naming the month of April Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.**

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Councilmember

E. Consideration to introduce amendment of Telecommunications Ordinance relating to wireless antennas

City Attorney Saarela gave a synopsis of the proposed ordinance amendment to allow regulation of small cell facilities.

Move to approve introduction of ordinance to amend the City of Farmington Code of Ordinances Chapter 30.5, “Telecommunications,” to add a new Article III, Wireless Facilities in Right-of-Way, to establish requirements, standards, and regulations for access to and use of public right-of-way for wireless facilities that are not telecommunication facilities under Article III of Chapter 30.5.**

RESULT: APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: LaRussa, Councilmember
SECONDER: Taylor, Councilmember

F. Consideration to introduce amendment of Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance relating to right-of-way permits for wireless antennas

City Attorney Saarela explained why this ordinance needs to accompany the preceding ordinance change.

Move to approve introduction of an ordinance to amend the City of Farmington Code of Ordinances Chapter 28, “Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places,” Article 1, “In General,” to amend and add definitions and amend and add requirements for placement and permitting of structures, equipment, facilities, and other installations in streets.**

RESULT: APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: LaRussa, Councilmember
SECONDER: Galvin, Councilmember

G. Consideration to select firm to provide Auditing Services to the City.

City Treasurer Weber explained the RFP issued five years ago and described the process of deciding again on an auditing service provider for the City for the next three years. Galvin thanked the Treasurer’s office for reviewing this and acknowledged his support for Plante & Moran. LaRussa asked who the last two providers were. Bowman expressed appreciation for collaboration with the 47th District Court, Farmington Library, and the City of Farmington Hills.

Move to approve proposal submitted by Plante & Moran for Audit Services for fiscal year years 2018/2019 – 2020/2021 and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract for services subject to approval of the final form agreement by City Manager and City Attorney, including any minor non-substantive edits.

RESULT: APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: LaRussa, Councilmember
SECONDER: Galvin, Councilmember
AYES: Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Taylor
ABSENT: Schneemann

8. DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Demers announced that the new crosswalk signs are now up. He thanked the DPW administration and workers for the quick installation. The in-street signs have been customized and will soon be up, and an educational video will soon be produced. Bowman asked about the educational period and Demers responded that information will be placed on all sorts of social media, and officers will be helping both pedestrians and drivers to comply with the new ordinance.

Eudy reminded homeowners to check downspouts and street drains as spring showers are upon us. He also asked that residents not flush wipes and reduce the amount of fats, oil, and grease going down the drain.

Weber announced that water bills are now being sent out via email and can be paid online to provide convenience for residents.

Christiansen updated Council on Planning Commission activities and various projects going to several committees about the Blue Hat Coffee PUD. He also mentioned that the Maxfield Training Center project is still in play.

Murphy announced a joint Council meeting with Farmington Hills to hear about the possibility of municipal broadband services on Monday, followed by a Special Council Meeting at Farmington City Hall dealing with budget issues.

9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

LaRussa admitted to being troubled by residential possibilities of small cell tower placement. He was looking forward to seeing as many people as possible to the meeting about Municipal Broadband.

Galvin reminded residents that it is budget time. He spoke about unbudgeted expenses, invisible infrastructure with invisible needs, and that until the millage funds are available, we are deficit spending.

Bowman will be at the Michigan Municipal League Capitol conference in Lansing next week. She feels it will be beneficial because it provides an opportunity to learn about State initiatives and sharing with representatives from other municipalities.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Galvin, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Sara Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: April 15, 2019

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