



FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on August 19, 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 7:00 PM by Mayor J.T. Buck.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
J.T. Buck	Mayor	Present	
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
JoAnne McShane	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Superintendent Eudy
Director Christiansen
Deputy City Clerk Wendel
City Manager Pastue
Attorney Schultz
Director Schulz

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Rock.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marlene Bowers, 22800 Hayden, shared her concern regarding the DDA's purchase of the Dimitri's restaurant and its current use. She inquired regarding the status of the sale of the Farmington Tennis Club.

City Manager responded the purchase of Dimitri's provided additional City parking that was needed. The building is now leased to Los Tres Amigos restaurant.

Responding to Ms. Bowers second question, Mayor Buck noted the Tennis Club property is privately owned and is currently for sale.

Austin Godwin thanked Council for their support of the Swing Fusion event. He described the event and shared his excitement stating it was well attended by many local high school students.

McShane commended Mr. Godwin on being proactive in organizing this successful event. She commented Farmington was recently named the 27th best city to live in by Money Magazine and he was a great example of what makes this city a great place to live.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER:	William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Buck, Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann

A. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Jun 24, 2013 6:00 PM

B. Minutes of the City Council - Regular - Jul 15, 2013 7:00 PM

C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report, July 2013

D. Public Safety Monthly Report, July 2013

E. Special Event Request - Patriots Day/911 Remembrance

F. Consideration to Approve Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership

G. Consideration to Approve Five-Year Extension to METRO Act Permit with Michigan Bell Telephone Company, DBA AT&T Michigan

H. Consideration to Approve Construction Estimate #5 for Drakeshire Center Improvements Project and Change Orders, 3, 6 and 7

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES:	Buck, Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Miss Farmington Pageant Winners - Dave Pniewski

Miss Farmington Executive Director, Gino Gabrinski, thanked Council for the opportunity to present awards to the 2013 Miss Farmington Pageant winners.

Margaret Norris, 2013 Miss Farmington spirit award winner and peoples choice winner, presented a check to her designated charity, Sweet Dreamzzz.

Diane Sikes, representing Sweet Dreamzzz, accepted the \$210.00 check and thanked Ms. Norris for her hard work.

Eunice Jeffries, Executive Director of Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Foundation for Youth & Families, presented cash awards to the Miss Farmington Pageant winners.

The new Miss Farmington, Kristina Franchi, introduced herself and discussed her designation charity, Haven. She invited Council and the Farmington/Farmington Hills community to attend her fundraiser scheduled at Drakeshire Lanes in October.

Emma Feeheley, first runner-up, commented on her positive experience as a Miss Farmington contestant.

Lekha Mutyala, second runner-up, commented on her charity, Toasty Toes, she founded to provide clothing to families in need.

Ms. Jeffries thanked Ginny Morris for her guidance and leadership. She thanked the City of Farmington for their support and strong partnership with Farmington Hills.

B. PROCLAMATION - Thayer Rock Funeral Home

Mayor Buck read a proclamation recognizing the Thayer Rock Funeral Home for 80 years of service to the greater Farmington community.

C. Public Hearing - Grand River - Halstead Shopping Plaza Commercial Rehabilitation District

Pastue discussed the proposed establishment of the Grand River - Halsted Shopping Plaza Commercial Rehabilitation District.

Motion to open the public hearing.

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

Motion to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES:	Buck, Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Buck requested a motion to close the public hearing.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Resolution to Offer Economic Incentives for the Redevelopment of Maxfield Training Center, Flanders School Property, Orchard Phase II Development and Old Courthouse Property

Pastue reviewed current redevelopment plans for property within the City of Farmington. He advised City Administration recommends City Council adopt a resolution offering economic incentives targeted toward parcels facing unique redevelopment challenges that might not otherwise be considered for redevelopment.

Pastue then reviewed the properties identified in the resolution stating they each have their own set of challenges and demands regarding their redevelopment. He reviewed economic incentives offered: waive water and sewer connection charges, building and mechanical permit fees, a 50% reduction in electrical and plumbing fees, allowing City Administration to negotiate a single review fee pertaining to building, land use, and engineering reviews.

McShane commented economic incentives are a great tool and a positive move forward to help Farmington attract new residents and acquire quality businesses.

Galvin commented a collaborative effort is needed with the Farmington School District in order to redevelop the Maxfield Training Center and Flanders properties. He looks forward to working with the schools.

Schneemann noted the incentives will not cost the City additional funds.

Cowley stated this tool will help Farmington compete with other metropolitan marketplaces for businesses in a tough economic environment.

Mayor Buck shared his excitement for Farmington's numerous current redevelopment projects, stating economic incentives will help to move additional projects forward.

Motion to adopt a resolution offering economic incentives for the redevelopment of the Maxfield Training Center, Flanders School property, Orchard Phase II Development, and the Old Courthouse property. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. CMR 08-13-045

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

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Ratify Acceptance of Ice Rink Donation from Riley Foundation

City Administration requested Council ratify acceptance of the ice rink donation from the Riley Park Foundation.

Pastue explained the City and the Downtown Development Authority are contributing and advancing funds along with additional community donations in order to begin work on this project so that it can be operational in December of this year.

Pastue stated this would close the gap in seasonal activities available to the residents.

In reference to bringing the ice rink to fruition, Galvin quoted Charlie Fleetum, of Project Innovations, as saying "vision realized". He felt his comment exemplifies the importance of having a vision and goals in order to achieve them.

Cowley stated Farmington has many wonderful spring, summer & fall events and this winter activity will be a wonderful way for families to enjoy the winter months in downtown Farmington.

Cowley stated it is an honor to accept the Riley Foundation donation. He looks forward to additional fundraising events to support the ice rink.

McShane thanked the Riley Foundation for their generosity, stating their donations are the type of gifts that keep on giving.

Mayor Buck shared his excitement for this fabulous winter activity for families, stating it will create a great deal of activity downtown during most of the winter season. He then offered a personal donation and explained the Wright Beamer Foundation is matching donations.

Motion to ratify acceptance of a \$100,000 from the Riley Foundation toward the ice rink donation in Riley Park.

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

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
AYES: Buck, Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann

B. Consideration to Approve Construction Estimate #3 for the 2013 Streetscape & Utilities Improvements

City Administration requested Council approval of construction estimate #3 with Warren Contractors in the amount of \$280,483.45 for work completed through August 9, 2013.

Pastue explained most of the work is completed on Grove Street and work has begun on the Warner/Oakland project.

Pastue reminded City Council change order #1 was approved in July thereby reducing the contract amount by \$36,583.69.

Motion to approve construction estimate #3 and issue payment to Warren Contractors in the amount of \$280,483.45 for work completed on the 2013 Streetscape & Utilities Improvement Project.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES: Buck, Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann

C. Consideration to Authorize Purchase of Replacement of Pick-Up Truck for Department of Public Works

Pastue explained the Department of Public Works has budgeted \$32,500 for a replacement 4x4 pickup truck in 2013/14.

Motion to authorize purchase of a replacement pickup truck for the Department of Public Works from Signature Ford in the amount of \$31,897.

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

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER: William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: Buck, Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann

D. Consideration to Accept Proposal from SLC Meter Inc to Install 280 Radio Read Meters

Pastue discussed the proposed installation of 280 read by radio meters.

Motion to accept a proposal from SLC Meter Inc. to install 280 Radio Read Meters in the amount of \$42,444.80.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Buck, Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Superintendent Eudy thanked Council for their approval of the DPW replacement vehicle. He commented the current truck has over 100,000 miles and has needed monthly repair.

Superintendent Eudy commented the radio read meters will save the Water Department time and money.

Director Christiansen expressed appreciation regarding the approval of the economic incentive resolution allowing many City projects to move forward.

Director Christiansen stated the City of Farmington Vision Plan and the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority Plan, are two portions of the economic development program to be completed soon.

Director Schulz alerted residents to a computer virus transmitted when they open a UPS scam e-mail. He advised residents not to open unsolicited e-mail.

Director Schulz thanked City Council for their continued support of DPS. He announced the Farmington Hills Police Department Benevolent Association is hosting their annual golf outing at the Links of Novi on September 6th.

Deputy Clerk Wendel invited City Council and residents to attend the Fall porch party to be held at the Governor Warner Mansion on September 12th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. She stated everyone is encouraged to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy while listening to the jazz quartet.

Pastue concurred with Director Christiansen regarding completion of the visioning program. He stated implementation will be discussed at the next Study Session on September 3rd.

10. COUNCIL COMMENT

McShane encouraged everyone to join in the fun at the Swing Fusion dance event held downtown every Thursday night.

Responding to a question by McShane, Superintendent Eudy stated the trash enclosure adjacent to the Civic Theater is an ongoing problem being addressed by the Downtown Development Authority, Mr. Cowley and City DPW workers.

Pastue stated an enforcement action is needed.

Galvin stated working on the visioning plan was a rewarding experience. He explained the implementation will involve more than just City Council and Administration. He noted many influences such as the financial environment, civic leaders and individuals taking action to grow something organically on their own will help bring the vision to fruition.

Cowley was pleased to see the number of residents who attended the visioning meetings. He was happy to see their interest in seeing the City grow, but felt they did not understand revenue is needed in order to support growth.

Cowley encouraged residents to get involved in their community, volunteer for a committee on the Downtown Development Authority, and contact the City Manager's office to inquire about opportunities to use their talents to help bring about change.

Cowley complimented two candidates running for City Council, Jeff Scott and Erica Reeves, on attending tonight's Council meeting.

Cowley complimented the Department of Public Services on a job well done during the Founder's Festival.

Schneemann noted Money Magazine's recognition of Farmington as the 27th Best Small City in America is a great honor reflecting many years of hard work by forward thinking people.

Schneemann shared his 15-year experience as a resident of the City, stating Farmington has a fantastic future. He is excited to see the community evolving and stated this is a great time to live here.

Responding to a question by Buck, Pastue stated the Vision Plan Summary will be online tomorrow.

Buck noted Farmington has the smallest population of all the cities named on Money Magazine's list of best cities. He felt this fantastic designation speaks to the engagement of our volunteers, the service attitude of City staff, and the strong commitment by the community.

Buck encouraged the Farmington community to support the proposed Riley Ice Rink by contributing to the fund or by attending future fundraising events.

Buck announced Greg Cowley, Bill Galvin, Erica Reaves, Jeff Scott and Matthew Wayne are candidates running for City Council in this November election. He was pleased to see Jeff Scott and Erica Reaves in the audience and wished the best of luck to all of the candidates.

11.ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor J.T. Buck

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____