



FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on November 11, 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 Councilmember William Galvin.

1. OATH OF OFFICE - ADMINISTERED BY SUSAN K. HALBERSTADT, CLERK

1. OATH OF OFFICE: Jeffery Scott, Bill Galvin, Greg Cowley

Pastue briefly reviewed the structure and format of this organizational meeting.

City Clerk Halberstadt administered the oath of office to Jeffery Scott, Bill Galvin and Greg Cowley.

Pastue offered the new councilmembers an opportunity to make a few comments.

Scott thanked the voters for their confidence in electing him into office. He looked forward to working with fellow Councilmembers and City staff. He thanked his wife for her continuing support. He looked forward to serving over the next four years and watching Farmington grow.

Cowley thanked his wife, Maureen, for being an important part of his re-election process. He thanked voters for their confidence in re-electing him. He stated his message to the voters has been pretty consistent over the last couple of years. He spoke about the importance of redevelopment in meeting the financial challenges of the City.

Cowley stated he does not support any tax increases going forward and that it would be a method of last resort. He believes voters in the last election sent a clear message to that effect. He would like to participate in developing creative solutions that do not involve raising taxes to meet the needs of the community.

Cowley looked forward to working with fellow Councilmembers and addressing some of the challenges facing the community.

Galvin thanked his family and residents who voted for him. He commented as

Councilmembers they are stewards for the community. He stated their goal is to leave the City in a better state than when it was found.

Galvin thanked voters for their confidence and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve over the next four years.

2. ROLL CALL- SUSAN K. HALBERSTADT, CLERK

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

City Administration Present

Director Christiansen
 City Clerk Halberstadt
 City Manager Pastue
 Attorney Schultz

3. ELECTION OF MAYOR - VINCENT PASTUE, CITY MANAGER, WILL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Pastue opened the floor for nominations for Mayor.

Cowley nominated Bill Galvin for the Office of Mayor. He stated Galvin has done a great job as Mayor Pro Tem and would do an excellent job as Mayor.

Scott nominated JoAnne McShane for the Office of Mayor. He noted her many years of experience serving on Council. He stated she has previously served as Mayor and would serve the City well in that capacity again.

Hearing no further nominations, Pastue closed the floor to nominations. He opened the floor for comments.

Galvin stated he would like to reiterate his goals and objectives set forth during his campaign. First of all, he noted over his past two years of service on Council he had 100% attendance. He briefly reviewed his campaign goals which included: a 3-year balanced budget, dedicated funding for Capital Improvement projects; and long term success for downtown Farmington. He stated we need to stop tolerating vacancies in the downtown.

McShane stated if she was elected Mayor again she would be honored and privileged to serve the City. She noted her 24 years of service and great love for the City. She has seen a number of wonderful things happen in the City and has experienced challenging times as well. She has been a part of meeting and overcoming those challenges and has helped the City grow and become the 27th best small City in the country according to CNN.

McShane stated she would love the opportunity to once again to serve as Mayor.

She would serve the City very well and work towards its financial success. She would institute the goals of the visioning process and unite Farmington as a team to achieve those goals.

Schneemann stated both mayoral candidates would make excellent mayors. He commented they both have strengths that would benefit Council and the City. He stated McShane has the knowledge and understanding of how the City works. She has been involved in many aspects of the Council and has served as Mayor. He stated her history with the City makes her an excellent candidate.

Schneemann stated Galvin with his clear understanding of the financial challenges the City faces and providing a potential path for moving forward, as well as his vision for the downtown would make an excellent Mayor. He stated that he is privileged to serve with his fellow councilmembers.

Hearing no further comments, Pastue requested a roll call vote. The vote was taken as follows:

	<u>Vote</u>
Galvin	- Galvin
McShane	- McShane
Schneemann-	Galvin
Scott	- McShane
Cowley	- Galvin

By majority vote, Bill Galvin was elected as Mayor.

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor Galvin opened the floor for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

McShane nominated Councilmember Schneemann for Mayor Pro Tem.

McShane stated she has known Steve Schneemann a long time and through the years he has worked very hard as a diplomat and has always projected a good image. She noted he works well with others on boards and commissions. His work has been outstanding and he would make a very good Mayor Pro Tem.

Schneemann thanked Councilmember McShane for her nomination. He stated he takes this position very seriously and that the future of our City is very important to him. He would be happy to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

1. Motion to nominate and elect Steve Schneemann as Mayor Pro Tem.

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

5. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER TO SERVE ON BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

1. Appoint Council Members to Serve on Boards and Commissions

City Manager Pastue reviewed Boards and Commissions on which Councilmembers serve. Councilmembers volunteered to serve as follows:

Farmington Retiree Health Care Board of Trustees	-	Galvin
Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors	-	Galvin
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	-	McShane
Farmington Election Commission	-	McShane
Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC)	-	Cowley
Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council (MCMR)	-	Schneemann
8 Mile Boulevard Association (8MBA)	-	Scott
S.E.M.C.O.G.	-	

Scott/Schneemann; Christiansen appointed as Alternate

Appointment to the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority is to be determined.

Motion to adopt a resolution assigning Councilmembers to serve on various boards and commissions. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. CMR 11-13-056

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

6. 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

1. Discussion - 2014 City Council Meeting Dates

Pastue reviewed proposed 2014 City Council Meeting dates. Council concurred to stay with Monday night meetings.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Erica Reaves, Council candidate, was present to congratulate newly elected Councilmembers Cowley, Galvin and Scott. She congratulated Councilmember Galvin on his election as Mayor. She recognized Veteran's Day and those who serve our country.

Reaves thanked voters who supported her in her run for council. She stated the support from the community has been overwhelming. She thanked Councilmember McShane for her support.

Former Mayor Tom Buck congratulated Bill Galvin on his election as Mayor and Steve Schneemann on his election as Mayor Pro Tem. He congratulated Greg Cowley and Jeff Scott on their election to Council. He stated what a great way this is to continue our fine traditions in Farmington.

8. COUNCIL COMMENT

Scott, in recognition of Veteran's Day, thanked veterans for their service to this country.

Schneemann added his voice to thanking veterans without whose sacrifice we would not enjoy freedom of speech and live in a free society.

Schneemann congratulated Councilmember Galvin on his election as Mayor and Councilmembers Cowley and Scott on their successful elections to Council. He thanked Councilmember McShane for having the confidence in him to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Cowley commented on the school bond issue and the need to work to solve the school funding challenges. He noted he was recently invited by the president of the School Board to attend a school board meeting and participate in their five minutes of rebuttal which he noted would take much longer.

Cowley encouraged the school board to meet with both City Councils to gain a greater understanding of our positions. He noted the voters have weighed in and are relying on leadership from all parties to find a solution.

He invited the school board to try to figure out what Plan B looks like. He stated as a city and community that wants to retain young families we need to solve some problems. He stated we may differ on how to solve them, but the way we are going about it is not the correct way.

McShane congratulated the council candidates who won their elections and are willing to serve the City. She congratulated Mr. Schneemann for accepting the office of Mayor Pro Tem. She gave a special congratulations to Mr. Galvin for his election as Mayor. She intends to work very hard with the Mayor as a team to make this a better city.

McShane read the following statement:

"I have lived in Farmington for 42 years, volunteered for 40 years, and have been on City Council for 24 years. She feels she has earned the right to deliver a message.

All these years the City Council and the Boards and Commissions and

employees have conducted themselves with honesty, loyalty, civility, respect and integrity. I feel the time has come to talk about our conduct on City Council, on our Boards and Commissions, and that of employees. We all have personal views and we may comment to our friends and acquaintances about them. I feel personal views should not be vented in the public arena. If you do you can bring criticism and negative attention to our City which can hurt our image. So I ask everyone to please not use your position as a bully pulpit or for grandstanding or for picking scabs.

In regard to other entities or groups who may propose an issue or a ballot issue, when you criticize or scorn these others you diminish yourself and you lessen your credibility on the issues. Remember that one day you may want one of these entities or groups to support your issue or your ballot issue. What you say can come back to bite you.

I want you to realize it hasn't been one individual or group that has contributed to our success and the renaissance of Farmington. But it has been many, many individuals and groups, our City Council, Boards and Commissions, Mansion volunteers, DDA and their committees, the Chamber of Commerce, the businesses, all our loyal volunteers, our citizens and their schools. The renaissance of Farmington has come about because of all the aforementioned folks who have contributed and contributed at a time of opportunity and affordability.

So I say let us conduct ourselves and move Farmington forward with the most positive and productive thoughts and ideas. Let us think before we speak and ask ourselves do our words benefit us or do they harm us. Let us be mindful and act with integrity. We are all diplomats for the City of Farmington and you Mayor Galvin can be the best example and lead the charge which I know you will.

Judge the man or woman by the conduct of his or her character. This statement speaks for everyone who represents this City."

Galvin thanked his colleagues and peers for their confidence in electing him as Mayor. He will work very hard not only on Council, but for the City of Farmington. He expressed gratitude to Erica Reaves for her comments. He noted not many former candidates in her position would have done the same. He congratulated her for running a very hard campaign and challenging her fellow candidates. He thanked Mr. Buck for his presence and comments at the meeting. He looks forward to being a part of moving Farmington forward.

Pastue commented the ice rink at Riley Park is well underway. He spoke about the initial construction and what residents can anticipate in the coming weeks. He stated the projected completion date is December 15th.

Galvin congratulated Clerk Halberstadt for running a great election.

9. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Councilmember William Galvin

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____