



Regular City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Monday, April 15, 2019  
City Council Chambers  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335

**FINAL**

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on April 15, 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 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Schneemann.

### 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	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

#### **City Administration Present**

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

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Reynolds, Emergency Preparedness Commission, presented Council with the Tip of the Month.

Sarah Davies, 23120 Violet Street, reported an incident on her street where Farmington Public Safety walked elderly neighbors home. She also spoke about the marijuana ordinance on the agenda.

**4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Accept Minutes from City Boards and Commissions**
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes**
  - a. 03-18-19 Special DRAFT**
  - b. 03-18-19 Regular DRAFT**
  - c. 03-25-19 Special DRAFT**
  - d. 04-01-19 Regular DRAFT**
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report**
- D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report**
- E. Special Event: South Farmington Baseball Parade, annual event**
- F. Special Event: Friends of FASD 5K, annual event**
- G. Accept resignation of Stan Bawol from Historical Commission**

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented. \*\*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember

**5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA,**

Move to approve the regular agenda with the addition of Item 7 E, Emergency Sewer Repair.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

**6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Special Event Application: Optimist Club**

City Manager Murphy introduced Tom Neal to request approval for the Optimist Club 5K Run.

Move to approve the Farmington Hills Optimist Club special event application for a Childhood Wellness/Cancer Run/Walk on Saturday, June 8, 2019 through City of Farmington neighborhoods as proposed in the submitted map. \*\*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

**B. Public Safety Department Annual Report**

Director Demers presented the Farmington Public Safety 2018 Annual Report.

Galvin asked about the Fire Marshall position rotation, requested comment about new marihuana law enforcement, and thanked Director Demers for his work. Bowman commented on reported reductions in traffic crash events and in drunk driving and asked if there was a correlation. Demers stated it could be attributed to the growing availability of Uber and Lyft. He also mentioned distracted driving as a large concern. LaRussa asked Demers what local legislation could help the Public Safety department keep on this positive trajectory. LaRussa inquired about the usefulness of the Neighborhood Watch program. Taylor queried Demers about compliance with and enforcement of the new crosswalk ordinance and questioned what the low number of home and business invasions could be attributed to. Demers cited active neighbors, hardening the target by keeping homes and cars locked and safe, and people watching out for each other. Schneemann observed that the M5 ramp at Nine Mile is a dangerous intersection and asked whether anything could be done from a municipal standpoint. Demers cited a tight pocket of traffic there. Schneemann also asked where cars tend to be stolen from, and Demers said that they are mostly stolen from crowded, busy lots by groups targeting specific makes and models. In answer to a question from Schneemann, Demers described how officers are able to use their ARIDE training to figure out who is impaired while driving. Schneemann also asked Demers to comment about distribution of marijuana facilities and indicated that he appreciated Demers candor. He thanked Demers for his work on the crosswalk ordinance and requested that Public Safety look at targeting speed enforcement through the downtown as the weather warms up.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consideration to approve payment for Meter Replacement Program**

Superintendent Eudy summarized the Water Meter Replacement Program and asked for approval for payment for meters already installed.

**Move to approve payment No. 2 to SLC Meter located at 595 Bradford Street, Pontiac MI in the amount of \$2,816.00 for meter instillation work completed February 7-9, 2019.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor

**B. Second reading and consideration to adopt an ordinance relating to fireworks**

Murphy reintroduced an ordinance that would reduce the number of dates fireworks may be discharged, bringing the local ordinance in line with the current Michigan Fireworks Safety Act.

**Move to adopt an ordinance to amend the City of Farmington Code of Ordinances, Article V, “Offenses Against Public Peace,” Section 20-117, “Fireworks,” in order to amend regulations of the times during which consumer fireworks may be discharged, include additional restrictions on the discharge of fireworks, and amend the penalties for violations of this section.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman

**C. Second reading and consideration to adopt an ordinance amending the City of Farmington Code of Ordinances to prohibit marijuana establishments within the boundaries of the City**

Murphy introduced a revised ordinance that prohibits marijuana establishments within City boundaries with the addition of a requirement to revisit this decision within sixty days after the State adopts administrative rules regarding these establishments. Schneemann commented that the Public Safety director, the city manager, and the city attorney all recommend adopting this ordinance at this time.

**Move to adopt an ordinance amending the City of Farmington Code of Ordinances to prohibit marijuana establishments within the boundaries of the City pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Initiated law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951, et seq.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman, Galvin

**D. City Manager transmittal of fiscal year 2019-20 proposed budget**

Murphy presented City Council with his proposed budget for the fiscal year 2019-20 in advance of a scheduled budget meeting on April 22, 2019.

**Move to accept receipt of the City Manager’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember

### E. Emergency Sewer Repair

Eudy requested approval to pay for an emergency sewer repair conducted on April 4, 2019 at Leelane and Beacon Streets.

Schneemann asked Eudy to bring information back to Council about how flushable wipes can impact the sewer system and he asked Schultz whether there was anything to be done at a municipal level to prohibit these wipes from being disposed of improperly.

**Move to approve payment of \$10,213.65 to D'Angelo Brothers Incorporated, located at 30750 W. 8 Mile Road, Farmington Hills for the emergency sanitary sewer repair at Leelane Street and Beacon Street.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa

### 8. DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Demers thanked his fellow Department Heads for assisting on his presentation.

Eudy stated that saw cutting and pavement pouring was beginning in several areas of the city. and he reminded residents that Flanders will be one way when the construction starts. He thanked Murphy, Weber, and Mullison for assisting with a personnel problem last week. LaRussa requested that Eudy supply him with the Paser Rating of Flanders Street. Bowman asked about where the street sweeper goes on its rounds and Eudy described all of the sweeping scenarios. Schneemann asked about leaves falling later and later in the year and asked Eudy to look into later yard waste pick up.

Weber announced that his department had just finished up the property tax collection process and turned over delinquent accounts to Oakland County. He stated that they had the highest collection percentage in the last ten years. The 214 page budget was submitted and he is looking forward to presenting it next week.

Christiansen offered answers to any questions Council might have. Bowman asked about the Paramount Home Health Care property by her house, and Christiansen explained that it was back on the market, and he explained what residents need to do to report properties that are not compliant with ordinances.

Mullison announced that the Clerk's Department staff will be visiting Farmington High School on April 16, 2019 to register new voters during the lunch hours.

Murphy thanked Weber and City Controller Norgard for their work on the 2019-20 City budget and announced an upcoming Neighborhood House gala event on April 18, 2019 at the Longacre House.

## 9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Galvin recounted his experience in attending the Farmington Hills Art Council Awards, and specifically acknowledged an award the Farmington Area Community Library won.

LaRussa reminded the public about the fireworks ordinance that will be in effect on the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. He thanked Demers for his report, and said that he was looking forward to reviewing the budget.

## 10. CLOSED SESSION – PROPERTY ACQUISITION

**Move to enter closed session to discuss property acquisition.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Taylor, Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann

Council entered closed session at 8:32 p.m.

**Move to exit closed session.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember

Council exited closed session at 9:27 p.m.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

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Steven Schneemann, Mayor

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Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: May 20, 2019

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