



**Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, July 16, 2018
City Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335**

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on July 16, 2018, 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 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
Director Eudy
City Clerk Halberstadt
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Kylie DeAndrea, Miss Teen Oakland County 2018 and Vivian Zhong, Miss Oakland County 2018 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Reynolds, representing the Emergency Preparedness Commission, provided the tip of the month regarding connecting with neighbors.

Karl Miller, Chairman of the United Methodist Board of Trustees, shared his concerns regarding the availability of parking in the downtown. He discussed the number of parking spaces the Church needs on a regular basis. He noted the challenge of finding parking during City events.

Arch Kinsey, 32607 Meadowlark Court, requested restoration of his son's gravesite in Oakwood Cemetery. He noted there are deep tire tracks running across the grave.

- 4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA**
- A. Special Event Application – Patriots Day Memorial**
 - B. Beautification board resignation: Meg Day**
 - C. Accept minutes from City Boards and Commissions**
 - D. Farmington City Council minutes**
 - E. Farmington Monthly Payments Report**
 - F. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report**
 - G. Historic Commission letter of support to restore historic credits**

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Galvin, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Galvin, Councilmember

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Introduction of 2018 Miss Oakland County Court**

Kylie DeAndrea, Miss Teen Oakland County 2018 and Vivian Zhong, Miss Oakland County 2018, were present to discuss their platforms.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration to Adopt Resolution to Amend Water and Sewer Rates, Effective July 1, 2018**

Move to adopt a resolution amending Chapter 11 of the City Fee Schedule, as presented, which amends the water and sewer rates, effective July 1, 2018. **

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

B. Consideration to Approve Request to Purchase a New Patrol Vehicle

Move to approve an FY2018/19 budget request to purchase (1) 2019 Ford Interceptor Police Utility Vehicle from Gorno Ford in the amount of \$27,395.00.

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

C. Consideration of Proposal to Update City of Farmington Master Plan

Move to accept OHM proposal to update the City of Farmington Master Plan as recommended by the Master Plan Review Committee and to authorize the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement in a form and manner approved by the City Attorney’s office. **

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

D. Consideration to Approve Ballot Language for the Proposed Millage Rate Increase

Schultz reviewed amendments to the resolution proposed by Council at the Special meeting that included: adding the phrase “and the need to address and reflect increased pension costs” as the last line of the second WHEREAS clause; on the actual ballot question, the end of line 4 will read “at least half of the amount” and the next line will change to read (no less than 1.5 mills); and a parentheses is added after “apparatus”.

Taylor commented the proposed millage is needed in order to invest in our community. She stated that based on feedback, residents are ready to move forward in Farmington. Her main goal is to generate excitement for this ballot initiative. She disagreed with the even split of the 3.0 mill proposal between capital improvement and operations. She preferred 2.0 mill for capital improvements and 1.0 mill for operations which she believes would have a better chance at the polls. As a result, she will not support the resolution because although she agrees with the 3.0 millage proposal, she does not agree with the split as stated.

Galvin discussed additional language to the resolution regarding increased pension costs. He supports the ballot proposal because citizens should be able to vote on a millage increase. The 3.0 mill proposal represents a way to continue to deliver high level of services and the opportunity to build on them in the future.

Bowman stated the language of the ballot proposal as written gives Council the flexibility in addressing future financial challenges. She supports placing the proposal on the November

ballot in order to give residents an opportunity to have a voice. It is important for Council to listen to its residents.

LaRussa believes Councilmembers agree that the need has not diminished to take action and do something right for Farmington. He is excited about what this can mean for Farmington and is looking forward to seeing the results in November.

Schneemann is pleased with the way the proposal is written and that the voters have a voice in making the decision. He noted the 3.0 mill split was communicated and supported at the forums.

Move to adopt a resolution, as amended, approving submission of proposal to add a new millage authorization of up to 3.0 mills on the November 6, 2018 General Election ballot.

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RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED
MOVER:	Galvin, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann
NAYS:	Taylor

E. Request for Extension of Courthouse Property Purchase Agreement

Move to approve Consent to Second Extension of Sale of Land Agreement with the Ten Mile Development Group, LLC, as amended, changing the extension from 45 to 60 days.

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

F. Consideration to Approve Appointment of City Clerk

Move to appoint Mary Mullison to the position of City Clerk effective September 1, 2018, at the starting annual salary of \$71,500, at which time she will fall under pay grade 3 as City Clerk in accordance with the Employee Manual.

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

G. Consideration to Approve Payment for Asphalt Repairs

Move to approve payment to Surface Sealing of Milford Michigan in the amount of \$42,200 to replace the asphalt where 11 water mains were repaired and to repair the asphalt of Oakwood Cemetery east driveway.

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

H. Consideration to Approve Detroit Edison (DTE) Quote for the LED Street Light Conversion

Move to authorize the City Manager to enter an agreement with DTE, Belleville, Michigan for the LED street light conversion and authorize payment in the amount of \$136,470.00, subject to final review of modifications by City Manager and City Attorney.

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

I. Consideration to Approve Dedication and Acceptance of Road and Utilities for Riverwalk of Farmington

Move to approve and accept the Warranty Deed and Bill of Sale for Laurelwood Court signed and delivered by Riverwalk Development, LLC and the Riverwalk of Farmington Association to be conveyed to the City to be included in the City’s public street system; to approve the corresponding Act 51 Resolution for New Street Acceptance for Laurelwood Court; and to approve and accept the Water and Sanitary Sewer System easements serving the Riverwalk of Farmington Condominium and the corresponding Bills of Sale conveying the water main and sewer pipe to the City for operation, maintenance and replacement. **

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

8. DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Eudy addressed an earlier public comment regarding the damage to a gravesite at Oakwood Cemetery. He discussed preparations for the upcoming Founders Festival.

Demers discussed the DPS operation plan for the Founders Festival.

Christiansen announced that John Koncsol would be retiring on July 27th and invited Council to an open house from 1-4pm in his honor.

Discussion followed regarding the development of the Maxfield Training Center and concerns expressed by residents. Schultz confirmed the City is following the PUD process.

Murphy advised the Kiwanis are seeking to establish a club in the Farmington area.

9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Bowman spoke about the upcoming Founders Festival, an event that brings in a significant number of visitors and an opportunity for the City to shine. She noted the adjustments residents will need to make, including considering other modes of transportation. She stated the Festival is a great opportunity to make connections.

Galvin spoke about the Parking Committee's task of addressing parking in the downtown in light of the Maxfield Training Center development. He discussed allocations of public and private parking lots. He noted the success of a recent agreement with Chemical Bank to use their parking lot after 5:00pm and on weekends.

LaRussa is looking forward to participating in Founders Festival and encouraged residents to volunteer for the event.

Taylor announced the upcoming Mansion porch party on Thursday, July 19, 7-9pm.

Schneemann thanked Councilmembers that supported the language for the ballot proposal. He stated this is a very important step towards providing the City with the resources that it needs. He noted the tremendous amount of time and energy that has been put into making a case to the public for this millage proposal.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Galvin, Councilmember

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Steve Schneemann, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: August 20, 2018

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