



**Special City Council Meeting
6:00 PM, MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015
Conference Room
Farmington City Hall
23600 Liberty St
Farmington, MI 48335**

FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on June 15, 2015, in Conference Room, Farmington City Hall, Farmington, MI. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor William Galvin.

1. ROLL CALL

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

City Administration Present

Superintendent Eudy
City Clerk Halberstadt
City Manager Murphy
Attorney Schultz

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as amended, adding "Presentation - Tom Wilkinson" as agenda Item No. 7.

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

3. INTERVIEW JAMES GALLAGHER FOR DDA OR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ALTERNATE

Council interviewed James Gallagher for a position on either the Downtown Development Authority Board or the Zoning Board of Appeals alternate position.

4. INTERVIEW MICKI SKRYZCKI FOR DDA

Council interviewed Micki Skryzcki for a position on the Downtown Development Authority Board.

5. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE DDA AND/OR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Council held deliberations on both candidates.

1. Motion to appoint Micki Skryzcki to the Downtown Development Authority Board for a term ending February 28, 2017.

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

2. Motion to appoint James Gallagher as alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2018; and to direct City Administration to encourage his participation on one of the core DDA Committees.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
NAYS:	JoAnne McShane

McShane stated her vote was due to the fact that there have been other applicants for the Zoning Board of Appeals position whose applications have not been reviewed and they may have been in the queue before Mr. Gallagher. She emphasized her vote was not against Mr. Gallagher.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Upgrades

City Administration discussed the efficiencies and cost savings the city would realize from the SCADA upgrades.

B. Budget Amendment: Emergency Replacement of Number 1 Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) at 9 Mile Retention

City Administration discussed the need to replace a Number 1 Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) pump controller at the 9 Mile retention. The estimated cost for this emergency replacement is \$27,859.00.

Discussion followed regarding the reason for the voltage surge that caused the internal failure of the VFD controller. The Water Resource Commissioner has also recommended installation of I-sense voltage monitoring equipment to protect the VFD pump controllers from future power surges.

1. Motion to temporarily adjourn the meeting until after the regular meeting.

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

The meeting temporarily adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

7. PRESENTATION - TOM WILKINSON

Tom Wilkinson proposed a fundraising event to be held on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at John Cowley and Sons restaurant and the Farmington Civic Theater. He stated Butch Patrick (a/k/a Eddie Munster) would attend the event in conjunction with showing three episodes of the Munsters.

Wilkinson stated the proposed ticket price for both the restaurant and theater is \$45 and \$30 for theater only. He stated all proceeds would be turned over to the city for use at the city's sole discretion in connection with the operation and/or improvement of Riley Park/Sundquist Pavilion. The city would front the \$3,000 deposit on Mr. Patrick's appearance.

Cowley recused himself from discussion due to his involvement in the proposed event.

Schultz advised his office was just recently informed of this proposed event, therefore the contract before Council is a rough draft of what is being proposed. He stated based on the proposal the city would pay \$1,000 up front to Mr. Patrick and the additional \$2,000 would be paid by the city to him on the night of the event.

Schultz stated the main issue for Council is the city fronting money. He stated based on the proposal the city would bear the loss if there is less than \$3,000 in ticket sales.

McShane stated it has always been the policy of the Civic Theater not to give up popular movie nights. She is honored that Mr. Wilkinson wants to help the city by putting on this event, however, she cannot support the city fronting the \$3,000 that is required.

McShane also stated she could not agree to any type of monthly event at the theater unless it is sponsored through the DDA and does not involve popular movie nights.

Wilkinson concurred that events in the summer have to benefit the city.

Schneemann asked how much the city would be out if ticket sales are poor. Schultz responded a minimum of \$1,000 and possibly up to \$3,000 if there is a problem canceling the event.

Schneemann questioned why this event request is not being handled by the DDA.

Galvin expressed concern regarding the timing of this event and why there seems to be such a rush to put it on. He also expressed concern about the cash outlay by the city. He pointed out this event was not generated by an initiative from Council or any other city board or commission. He stated the city needs more time to review this event. He also stated it would not be good city policy to start underwriting events.

McShane noted a rental fee is typically required by the theater.

Galvin stated City Council usually reviews requests twice before making a decision. He advised the city over the next six months will be working on a special events policy for Riley Park/Sundquist Pavilion. He sees the city entering dangerous territory if money is committed to this event, but yet a policy prohibits money going to events across the street at Riley Park.

Galvin stated he does not believe Council is opposed to the concept, but is concerned with the timing and underwriting of this event. He suggested Wilkinson engage the Civic Theater and work with the General Manager, Scott Freeman, to put something together.

Mr. Wilkinson thanked Council for their time.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

10. COUNCIL COMMENT

No council comment was heard.

11. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES: Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

William E. Galvin, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____