



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, November 18, 2019
City Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on November 18, 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 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bowman.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Mayor	Present	
William Galvin	Councilmember	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Director Christiansen
Director Demers
Superintendent Eudy
City Clerk Mullison
City Attorney Schultz
Director Weber

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sophia Lowell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Baumbach, 21144 Robinwood, asked the City to reconsider their decision to not plow because of leaf pick up. He also thanked Councilmembers and administration for their service in the government of the city.

Ann Echols, 23828 Wilmarth, Farmington/Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Commission, gave the Tip of the Month: Emergency Supplies and Winter Readiness.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Board and Commission Minutes
- B. City Council Minutes
 - a. October 21, 2019 Special
 - b. October 21, 2019 Regular
 - c. November 14, 2019 Organizational
- C. Farmington Quarterly Investment Report - 09/30/19
- D. Farmington Quarterly Financial Report - 09/30/19
- E. Farmington Quarterly Financial Report Court - 09/30/19
- F. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- G. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- H. Accept updates to the City of Farmington Special Event Policy

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

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

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Taylor suggested that the Mayor and City Manager consider adding a second opportunity for Public Comment in meetings through the end of this year to see how it works.

Move to approve the regular agenda with the addition of a new Item 9 - Public Comment, prior to Department Comment, moving Items 9, 10, 11 and 12 to Items 10, 11, 12 and 13.**

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

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Public Hearing Program Year 2020 Community Development Block Grant Application

City Manager Murphy explained a planned contribution for the Farmington Hills Senior Center and senior services, Meals on Wheels, and senior transportation.

Move to open public hearing for 2020 Community Development Block Grant Application.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

Public hearing was opened at 7:06 pm. No public comment was heard.

Move to close public hearing for 2020 Community Development Block Grant Application.

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

Public hearing was closed at 7:07 pm.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Consideration to Approve 2020 Program Year Community Development Block Grant Application**

LaRussa asked if there were any other purposes that should be considered for CDBG funds. Murphy explained that there are minimum donation requirements and that giving it to Farmington Hills for senior services has been done for many years and was a good use of the money. He offered to look at the allotment parameters again for next year. Weber noted that CDBG funds could be gotten in larger amounts outside of this allocation, but that requires Farmington to not participate in the County request and there is no guarantee that an individual request would be granted.

Move to approve resolution adopting 2020 Program Year Community Development Block Grant Application. **

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

8. NEW BUSINESS**A. Special Event Application: Holly Days**

Murphy introduced the event and asked new GFCC Director Connor Osborne to come forward to answer questions.

Move to approve the special event application for the 2019 Holly Days and Light Up the Grand Parade on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.**

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Schneemann, Councilmember

B. Special Event Application: Harry Potter & the Holiday Skate

Murphy summarized the event being considered. Melissa Andrade answered questions about the ice rink committee sponsored event and the change of date that might be needed because of the delay in the leaf pick up program. Bowman called for volunteers to assist with rink set up to allow this event to happen on December 28th.

Move to approve the Special Event Application for Harry Potter and the Holiday Skate to be held on either Saturday, December 28 or Saturday, January 4 from 6 – 9 p.m.; set up at 2 p.m. at the Riley Park Ice Rink.**

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

C. Consideration to Approve the 2019 HIDTA Grant Sub-Agreement between Oakland County and the City of Farmington AND Authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to Sign the Agreement and Proposed Resolution

Director Demers summarized a request for approval to receive federal funding for reimbursement of task force officer overtime costs. This is a renewal of a current grant.

Move to approve the 2019 HIDTA Grant Subrecipient Agreement between Oakland County and the City Of Farmington and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the agreement and proposed resolution.**

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

D. Consideration to accept Change Order No.3, and Construction Estimate No. 4 for the Oakland Street Reconstruction

Superintendent Eudy explained the timing and schedule of the Oakland Street project and requested partial payment for the contractor. Installation of decorative lampposts will be delayed until December because of availability. Schneemann questioned whether there had been any

access problems for the residents of Oakland Street, and Eudy explained what had been done so far. Galvin pointed out that the Change Order was not actually for Oakland Street, and Eudy said that it was for a DDA owned property that could be included with the same contractor. Bowman requested an overview of the project.

Move to approve payment to V.I.L. Construction Incorporated for Change Order No. 3 and Construction Estimate No. 4 of the Oakland Street Reconstruction.**

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

E. Consideration to Authorize Purchase of replacement of Public Services two (2) in-ground vehicle maintenance hoists.

Eudy described the need for new hoists to be used for vehicle maintenance. This is a budgeted allocation to replace hoists from 1977.

Move to authorize Administrative Staff to purchase and install replacement vehicle maintenance hoists from Allied Equipment.**

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

F. Consideration to accept Construction Estimate No. 7 for the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation

Eudy summarized work done on Flanders Street, Lilac Street, Chesley Drive, and Brittany Hill Drive. He said that residents seem happy with both the contractor and the road improvements. LaRussa asked about remaining retainage and crack sealing amounts.

Move to approve Construction Estimate No. 7 for the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation to Hartwell Cement Company.**

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

G. Consideration to approve Payment No. 2 to Pipeline Management for CCTV inspection of sanitary sewers in the Bel-Aire area

Eudy reviewed a project for televising sewers prior to lining. This would be the final payment for pre-lining televising service.

Move to approve payment No.2 to Pipeline Management for CCTV inspection of sanitary sewers in the Bel-Aire area.**

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

H. Consideration to amend Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget

Director Weber explained that this resolution takes funds from the 2018-19 budget and moves them into the 2019-20 budget and cleans up current year budget.

Move to adopt Budget Amendment Resolution #3 amending Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget.**

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

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

10. DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Christiansen mentioned activity throughout the community with site by site projects being proposed. He also announced that the Farmington Master Plan Update was approved by the Planning Commission. LaRussa asked about his previous request for a summary of building and code enforcement issues and was assured that would be forthcoming.

Eudy commented on leaf collection and snow plowing problems due to recent weather. He described the hybrid approach that was decided on to try to recover from the early snow, and stated that while the City couldn't make all happy, they had hoped to make at least some happy. Eudy asked that the public bear with Public Service crews as they will be at a slower pace and will need to accommodate higher maintenance costs. Crews have been working ten hour days and weekends. Bowman thanked Eudy for making the best decisions possible under the current

circumstances. She requested that he make sure all residents know about the revised leaf collection schedule when it comes out.

Demers extended his congratulations to Bowman, LaRussa and Schneemann on their reelection and new positions. Galvin asked Demers to speak about the new designated Lyft pick up/drop off zones in the downtown. Demers said that no sign is posted, but that the station pops up on the Lyft app. Bowman spoke of interest in downtown about contacting Uber as well.

Murphy declared that the Holly Days parade was one of his favorite City events and encouraged all to participate. He commented on the early snow and said that Eudy had done a great job salting intersections to keep the City safe, even though it wasn't a perfect solution. He acknowledged that it was a balancing act to provide the best that could be provided under the circumstances. LaRussa asked about whether there was an increase in reported accidents because of this balanced response and Demers answered that there were no accidents at all.

11. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Galvin wished everyone in Farmington a warm and happy Thanksgiving.

Taylor announced that the Farmington Area Jaycees are holding a vote for the Citizen and the Business of the Year awards. She encouraged all to vote at www.fajaycee.org.

LaRussa thanked Mullison for her department's work on the recent election and thanked Eudy for his department's work on both the snow and the leaves. LaRussa announced fundraising initiatives of both the Jaycees and Rolling Stoves..

Bowman thanked Council for having confidence in her as Mayor. She thanked Schneemann for the nomination, and noted that it was a transition for each of them. Bowman looks forward to continuing her work and wishes everyone a safe and healthy holiday.

12. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AND DISCUSS WRITTEN CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

Move to enter closed session to discuss collective bargaining agreement and confidential communication from the City Attorney.

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

Council entered closed session at 8:01 p.m.

Move to exit closed session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Schneemann, Councilmember

Council exited closed session at 8:41 p.m.

Tony Anthony of AKT Peerless answered Council questions pertaining to the Maxfield Training Center purchase.

Move to direct City Administration to approve full agreement for FPOA Collective Bargaining Agreement as discussed.

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

13. ADJOURNMENT**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: December 16, 2019

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