



Special/Study Session Meeting  
6:00 p.m., Monday, October 15, 2018  
Conference Room  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335

**FINAL**

## STUDY SESSION MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on October 15, 2018, in 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 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Steve Schneemann.

### 1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
William Galvin	Councilmember	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Councilmember	Absent	6:10 pm
Steve Schneemann	Mayor	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

#### City Administration Present

Director Christiansen  
Director Demers  
City Clerk Mullison  
City Manager Murphy  
City Attorney Schultz

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as amended, switching items 4 and 5.

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

### 4. DISCUSS FITNESS COURT'S NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN

City Manager Murphy introduced a plan to join Fitness Court's campaign to build an outdoor gym network nationwide. They provided a video and information about the program to Council. Mayor Schneemann described how he had been contacted and indicated that his interest had been piqued, especially with the Healthy Communities initiative with Beaumont. He said that the

community needed to show interest and that we have space to build it, and then the program could go forward. There is a component of donations and money needed to be raised for inclusion.

Taylor commented that the City has many other priorities to look at first. Bowman appreciates what the project is, but is concerned with the cost required and that it would be planned for only one site, not interconnected or throughout the city. She would also like something that is more in tune with the natural landscape and not quite so gaudy. Galvin indicated that he did not mind having a dialog and gathering more information about the item. LaRussa would like to have more of a conversation before a decision is made. Schneemann agreed with Bowman on the aesthetic perspective, but was undecided about the usefulness in Farmington.

## **5. DISCUSS SAMURAI STEAK HOUSE PUD**

Murphy introduced the topic and passed the presentation to Director Christiansen. An overview of the Samurai Steakhouse PUD was shared, including site plan and recommendations. He mentioned that City Attorney Schultz had worked with Samurai Steakhouse to draft the PUD agreement, and he distributed copies of the draft.

Christiansen was asked by Council to give highlights of the major differences between the parallel plan and the plan being submitted for the PUD. LaRussa asked about what the three conditions were as submitted by the applicants for the plan and Christiansen enumerated possible conditions. Discussion ensued about other parking options pursued during the planning process.

Taylor expressed interest in a crosswalk across Grand River being included as a condition or trade-off for alternative parking permissions. Christiansen expounded upon parking and crosswalk regulation. Taylor would like to see a parking fund established to allow applicants who cannot meet parking requirements on-site to pay toward other parking in the city. Christiansen outlined what other cities do in lieu of meeting parking requirements on proposed development.

Bowman expressed her support of the project as presented and commented that they have shown themselves to be a good neighborhood partner. She noted that as ride share programs and alternate transportation become more prevalent, current parking requirements may not be mandatory or necessary. She noted how close other municipal public parking is and that we overlook that fact.

Schneemann asked about when the existing building space will be utilized and open. He also asked about when the second building would be built. Christiansen stated that they want to go as fast as they can. Adjacent property owners were discussed in relation to considered parking.

LaRussa asked for an Ordinance review in future to account for variables that might encompass changing needs and fairness of accepting PUDs. Christiansen stated that current Ordinances are rather detailed.

Discussion continued about parking and considerations to the city. Galvin reminded council that this project will also contribute residents and vibrancy to the City. Schultz commented on the inherent nature of a PUD.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

Murphy requested that Council cancel their scheduled November 5, 2018 meeting because of the need to secure the facilities for the November 6, 2018 General Election. Council agreed, with the provision that if the City Manager found there was a need to meet in that time frame that a special meeting would be set on another date.

Murphy also informed Council that a special event permit had been applied for by Tomorrow Productions of Manhasset, NY to use Grand River and Farmington's downtown to shoot a holiday commercial on Sunday night, October 21, 2018. He asked that the agenda for the regular meeting be amended to accommodate for Council's consideration. Discussion ensued which included Director Demers and Superintendent Eudy about road closure details.

**7. COUNCIL COMMENT**

No Council comment was heard.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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Steve Schneemann, Mayor

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Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: November 19, 2018