



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, February 4, 2019
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on February 4, 2019, at 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 Steve Schneemann.

1. Roll Call

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

City Administration Present

Director Christiansen (left at 7:20 pm)
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz

2. Approval of Agenda

Move to approve the regular meeting agenda with an amendment to move the Update to the Recreation Master Plan to Item 4 thus making Board and Commission Interviews and Gill Road Update Items 5 and 6.

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

3. Public Comment

Jeff White, 9353 Houghton, Livonia, spoke about property management of the Winery on Grand River and elder abuse issues.

Eric Gensheimer, 33800 State, mentioned that he would like to become active with the City and turned in his boards and commissions application.

4. Update on Recreation Master Plan

Director Christiansen highlighted adjustments made to the Recreation Master Plan as requested by Council at their last meeting. LaRussa enquired about the Planning Commission not being listed on the cover of the Master Plan and also asked about details in reference to the timeline specified in the Plan. Christiansen reminded Council that this is a living, breathing document and adjustments can and will be made.

5. Board and Commission Interviews

a. Sarah Davies– Beautification Committee Interview

Council questioned Ms. Davies about her interest in becoming a member of the Beautification Committee. Bowman commented that Davies ideas and interest can make a difference and asked what she might bring from her experiences with the Keep Farmington Beautiful group to the Beautification Committee. Davies indicated that her interest areas (Jaycees, Keep Farmington Beautiful, Beautification Committee) could be brought together to improve Farmington. Taylor asked Davies what improvements she would like to make and was informed that she would want to add more recycling receptacles and trash cans for use in public areas. LaRussa expressed excitement at having Davies involved with the Beautification Committee but asked if there would be a need to keep her interest areas separate. Davies suggested that some things might need to be accomplished with a more formal city organization as opposed to a grass-roots group like Keep Farmington Beautiful. Schneemann asked her if she was familiar with the mission statement of the Beautification Committee and asked what she might want to be engaged in that the Beautification Committee is already doing. She cited tree concerns, plant exchanges, and more awards for exceptional effort in the community.

b. John McLoughlin – Planning Commission Interview

Mr. McLoughlin informed Council why he would be a good candidate for the Planning Commission. He indicated that he would like to see improvements in areas that are not being utilized well or at all. He was asked about his long residence in Farmington and about whether he was interested in other volunteer opportunities if not invited to join the Planning Commission. He indicated that he might be interested in getting more involved in other ways. LaRussa told McLoughlin that he would bring a wealth of knowledge and experience and asked how he would approach a specific planning problem brought before the Commission. McLoughlin has a manufacturing background but admits that he would have to learn a lot about zoning and ordinances to be effective. He also stated that he believes that land holders should be able to do what they want to do with their own property within the city's rules and regulations. Schneemann assured him that personal property rights and city interests were both well looked after by the city attorney and the city's consultants. When offered the opportunity to ask Council a question McLoughlin asked if Council was getting what they hoped to get from the Planning Commission. Schneemann answered by detailing the balancing act that plans have to go through before approval.

c. David DeLind – Planning Commission Interview

Mr. DeLind discussed his time on the Board of Review and the general role of that group. He explained that he was applying to be appointed to the Planning Commission because it would fit his skillset better and he would be more involved on a regular basis, not as the Board of Review operates, just three to four times a year, if necessary. He told Council that he wants to put a human face on taxes and have some influence on the City as his daughter grows up. Bowman mentioned how many well qualified candidates Council has to consider for Planning Commission and asked DeLind if he would be interested in other volunteer opportunities. He indicated that he wasn't going anywhere and would be interested in zoning or planning. Taylor asked what it was about the Master Plan that drew DeLind to move to Farmington and he indicated that infill and redevelopment rather than expansion provides social capital to the community. DeLind stated that he was on Meridian Township DDA and Planning Commission before moving to Farmington.

Council decided to put off a Planning Commission appointment until a future meeting after all applicants could be interviewed and the full Council can be present.

Move to appoint Sarah Davies to the Farmington Beautification Committee for a term ending June 30, 2021.

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

6. Gill Road Parking Update

City Manager Murphy presented an update, as requested by Council, on the effect of the additional parking allowed on Gill Road through a resolution made at the October 1, 2018 Council meeting. Council expressed appreciation for Director Demers work on this issue.

7. Special Event Applications for Shiawassee Park

a. Telaganda Development Forum

Council discussed the special event application from Telaganda Development Forum. Bowman expressed concerns about parking and requested that the hosts of the event have some sort of traffic director when the small lot is full. Schneemann also asked that additional effort be made in respecting nearby residents' rights. A simple A-frame sign was suggested to direct participants to additional parking. Council asked Murphy to have a conversation with Director Demers and Superintendent Eudy about suggestions to assist in parking and crowd control.

Move to approve the special event request for Telangana Development Forum (TDF) – Detroit Chapter at Shiawassee Park scheduled June 15, 2019, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: LaRussa, Councilmember

b. Lanigan Elementary – Eggstravaganza

Move to approve the special event request allowing Lanigan Elementary to host an Eggstravaganza egg hunt to raise funds for 5th grade camp at Shiawassee Park on April 6 from 11 a.m. until noon.**

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

8. Other Business

LaRussa was approached by a resident in the Farmington Oaks Apartment Complex about onsite recycling at her rental property. He asked if there is a process for mandating recycling in a multifamily unit and would like Council to take up the recycling ordinance to include multifamily housing. Schneemann indicated that Council was not prepared to make any decisions on such a big topic, but asked if LaRussa brought this topic to light so that it could at least be examined. Murphy enumerated some of the problems that have been seen by other cities and LaRussa directed Murphy to address the particular resident with answers to her questions. Schneemann expressed pride in Farmington's present recycling effort. Taylor would like a study session to see what other communities do for rental property recycling.

9. Council Comment

LaRussa thanked Christiansen and Murphy for getting updates into the Recreation Master Plan to make all details relevant to other Farmington city plans.

10. Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Taylor, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Steve Schneemann, Mayor

Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: February 19, 2019

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