



FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on May 19, 2014, in City Council Chambers, 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 William Galvin.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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
Director Christiansen
City Clerk Halberstadt
City Manager Pastue
Attorney Saarela
Director Schulz
Treasurer Weber

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Dwyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Dwyer provided an update on Oakland County activities including the achievement of a 3-year balanced budget. He discussed the highlights from the 2013-14 Oakland County annual report.

Dwyer discussed the proposed SMART millage renewal on the August ballot that also includes an increase. He stated the Board of Commissioners remained neutral on the proposal, but voted to place it on ballot.

Responding to a question from McShane, Dwyer recommended inviting SMART officials to a future council meeting to explain their millage proposal.

Dwyer discussed the poor condition of the roads and what the Oakland County Road Commission is doing to address this problem.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the City Council - Special Study Session - Mar 3, 2014 6:00 PM**
- B. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Apr 21, 2014 6:00 PM**
- C. Minutes of the City Council - Regular - Apr 21, 2014 7:00 PM**
- D. Minutes of the City Council - Budget - May 5, 2014 6:00 PM**
- E. Farmington Monthly Payments Report, April 2014**
- F. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report, April 2014**
- G. Farmington Financial Report Quarter Ended March 31, 2014**
- H. Farmington Investment Report Quarter Ended March 31, 2014**
- I. 47Th District Court Financial Report Quarter Ended March 31, 2014**
- J. Special Event Request - Run for the Hills**
- K. Consideration to Authorize City Administration to Appoint New Paying Agent for the Bonds Currently Serviced by BNY Mellon**
- L. 05-14-009 : Consideration of Resolution to Accept Oakland County West Nile Grant**
- M. Consideration to Approve Special Event Request for the Farmington Civic Theater Outdoor Movie**

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Presentation of 2013 RRRASOC Annual Report - Mike Csapo

Mike Csapo, General Manager, was present to discuss the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) 2013 Annual Report.

Csapo noted in 2013 Farmington's expenditures for solid waste disposal and recycling were 15% below average. He further noted the city's recycling rate was 51% which is 3 1/2 times the state average and 50% above the national average.

Csapo pointed out the city had a 65% increase in recycling volume since the implementation of new carts. He discussed the impact of recycling on environmental metrics. He stated nearly 6000 trees were saved last year as a result of recycling efforts.

Cowley expressed the need for a commercial recyclable location in the downtown.

Csapo advised the city's recycler, Waste Management, has agreed to pick up recyclables in the downtown, however, a marketing programs needs to be established in order to gain participation.

Cowley pointed out the mass amount of cardboard in the downtown that can be recycled.

Responding to a question from McShane, Csapo advised the processing facility in Pontiac will have no impact on costs for Farmington.

McShane noted other communities provide recycling containers next to garbage cans. She asked how Farmington can provide them as well.

Csapo stated it is a matter of obtaining funds for the containers and covering the cost to remove the recyclables. He would be happy to explore options with the city.

Discussion followed regarding how the city can achieve an even higher recycling goal. Csapo discussed the next frontier of household and commercial food scraps. He further discussed disposal of e-waste which is anything with a cord and circuit board. He identified a number of drop-off center locations.

B. Consideration to Approve Special Event Request Stayin' Alive 5KRun/Walk for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

Amy Sarafian and Laura Pasek were present to discuss their request to hold "Stayin' Alive 5K Run/Walk for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention event in Farmington on September 28, 2014.

Motion to authorize the Public Safety Director and City Manager to approve final details regarding route and financial reimbursement for a Special Event Request - Stayin' Alive 5K Run/Walk for Mental Health

and Suicide Prevention, to be held on Sunday, September 28, 2014, from 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Approve Memorandum of Understanding

Pastue advised City Administration is recommending approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Farmington Hills and Farmington Public Schools outlining rolls and responsibilities as participants in the Georgetown University Energy Competition. He stated if the application is approved, Farmington would contribute \$25K and Farmington Hills would contribute \$100K as participants in the program.

Schneemann stated this is an excellent competition for communities to participate in. He stated regardless of whether or not Farmington/Farmington Hills wins the prize money, the community will benefit from energy conservation. He pointed out it dovetails nicely with Farmington's 51% recycling rate. He would like to ensure that the efforts put forth in this competition are maximized. He stressed the importance of informing residents that everyone is involved in this program.

McShane noted Council had discussed this competition at an earlier meeting and all councilmembers embraced the program. She expressed hope that RRASOC would also be involved in this competition. She stated the program is a win/win no matter the outcome of the competition. She pointed out the city will be doing all it can to assist residents in reducing their energy consumption.

Scott expressed support for the program, noting it will have a big impact on reducing energy consumption in the community.

Galvin advised the city will invest \$25K in the promotion of a program that will challenge residents to reduce their energy consumption. He stated the results will be measurable and the winner will receive \$5 million. He was pleased that all three governmental bodies are participating.

Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Farmington Hills and Farmington Public Schools outlining the rolls and responsibilities of each as participants in the Georgetown University Energy Competition. [SEE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING].

The votes were taken in the following order: Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott, Cowley.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Adopt Resolution Supporting Amendment to Oakland County Solid Waste Management Plan

Pastue advised City Administration is recommending that the City Council adopt a resolution to amend the Oakland County Solid Waste Management Plan to allow a transfer station and processing facility to be sited in Pontiac. There will be no economic impact on the city as a result of this action.

Motion to adopt a resolution supporting an amendment to the Oakland County Solid Waste Management Plan to authorize a transfer stations and processing facility in the City of Pontiac. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION] CRM 05-14-010

The votes were taken in the following order: McShane, Schneemann, Scott, Cowley, Galvin.

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

B. Consideration to Appoint Plante & Moran as City Auditors for Fiscal Year 2013-14 through Fiscal Year 2015-16 with the Option to Renew for an Additional 2-Year Period

Pastue advised City Administration is recommending Council appoint Plante & Moran as City Auditors for an additional 3-year period with a 2-year option. He stated the City of Farmington Hills coordinated a quality based selection (QBS) and request for proposal (RFP) process for audit services that involved the City of Farmington Hills, the City of Farmington, 47th District Court, Farmington Community Library, and SWOCC.

Pastue stated given the high level of cooperation with the cities and other agencies, it made sense to collectively solicit proposals for audit services.

Based on a review of the proposals received, Plante & Moran was selected by the team to continue as auditors for all involved.

Galvin stated it is important to note the cost reductions over the next 5 years.

Motion to appoint Plante & Moran as city auditors for Fiscal Year 2013-14 through Fiscal Year 2015-16 with the option to renew for an additional 2-year period.

The votes were taken in the following order: Schneemann, Scott, Cowley, Galvin, McShane.

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

C. Consideration to Introduce Ordinance #C-777-2014 to Amend Chapter 20 of the City Code, Offenses, Article I, Section 20-3 Dealing with Begging

Pastue advised City Administration is recommending that the City Council introduce Ordinance C-777-2014 to amend Chapter 20 of the City Code dealing with begging. This amendment was drafted by the City Attorney in response to case law that established limits to which a municipality can regulate begging.

Galvin pointed out the introduction of this ordinance is the result of a Federal court case, not related to any local issues.

Motion to introduce Ordinance C-777-2014 to amend Chapter 20 of the City Code, Offenses, Article I, Section 20-3, Begging, in order to revise existing regulations related to begging and to provide a specific prohibition against aggressive begging, as defined. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE].

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

D. Consideration to Approve Public Hearing Notice for Proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget and Property Tax Rates

Pastue advised that in accordance with the City Charter, Public Act 43 of the Extra Session of 1963 and Public Act 2 of 1968 as amended, it is necessary to hold a public hearing on the proposed FY 2014-15 budget and millage rate prior to their adoption.

Motion to hold a public hearing on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget and property tax rates.

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

E. Consideration to Certify 2014 Delinquent Invoices and Water and Sewer Bills

Pastue advised each year the City Treasurer certifies invoices and water and sewer bills that are delinquent and should be placed on the 2014 City of Farmington tax roll in accordance with the Farmington City Code.

Responding to a question from Schneemann, Weber stated the spike in the 2013 delinquencies was likely the result of a rate increase and the economy.

Motion to approve the attached lists of delinquent invoices and water and sewer bills for placement on the Farmington Tax Roll pursuant to City Code. [SEE ATTACHED LISTS].

The votes were taken in the following order: Scott, Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann.

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

F. Board and Committee Appointment – Karla Aren, Board of Review

Pastue discussed Karla Aren's qualifications to serve on the Board of Review.

Motion to appoint Karla Aren to the Board of Review to fill an unexpired term ending January 31, 2016.

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

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Superintendent Eudy indicated Grand River emergency repairs are ongoing. He stated the DPW and DPS staff will be out in full force for the Memorial Day parade. He advised they are in the process of closing out the Grove Street project. The city met with OHM and Warren Construction to complete the punch list related to that project. He spoke about road and facility improvements that need to be made. He discussed staff changes that have recently taken place in his department.

Director Schulz thanked Councilmembers Scott and Cowley, and Mayor Galvin for their attendance at the Public Safety awards banquet. He indicated Grand River would be closed at 9:50 AM on Monday for the Memorial Day parade. He discussed the timing of the street closures for Art on the Grand. He reminded everyone of the Click It or Ticket campaign and encouraged everyone to wear seat belts.

Halberstadt highlighted a recent voter registration drive at Farmington High School; seeking election officials for the upcoming August and November elections; and reminded everyone about the June porch party at the Mansion featuring a jazz quartet.

Pastue commented on a recent editorial regarding health insurance for part-time employees that was discussed at an earlier Council meeting.

10.COUNCIL COMMENT

Scott thanked City Manager Pastue and Treasurer Weber for their efforts in preparing the budget.

Cowley enjoyed attending the Public Safety Awards banquet, noting he learned a lot. He discussed comments he made at a recent budget meeting and did not believe he should apologize for them. He is a proponent of the Civic Theater, an asset that needs to be maintained. He noted nothing has been set aside for funding capital improvements at the theater. He once again expressed support for raising the ticket prices \$1.00. He took a personal affront to comments made regarding his view on the Theater.

McShane stated she spoke with Scott Freeman, General Manager of the Theater, and he indicated there were sufficient funds available for capital improvements. She noted he does not support an increase in the ticket price and neither does she.

Galvin noted he recently attended the 125th year celebration at Farmington High School. He gave a shout out to the Beautification Commission regarding their Sunflower Explosion initiative. He congratulated Andrew Morche for receiving the 2013 Officer of the Year award.

Galvin noted he recently attended a unique award presentation at the home of Steve Sobel. Mr. Sobel was recognized for his service as a cooperative observer of weather with the National Weather Service for the past 25 years.

11.ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn the meeting

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

William E. Galvin, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____