



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, December 17, 2018
City Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on December 17, 2018, 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 7:01 PM by Mayor Schneemann.

1. ROLL CALL

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

City Administration Present

Director Christiansen
Director Demers
Superintendent Eudy
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Saarela
City Treasurer Weber

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Reynolds of the Emergency Preparedness Commission suggested having documents in a readily transportable form.

Michael Cowley of 33338 Grand River, representing John Cowley & Sons, read a letter against the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce plan to move the 2019 Founders Festival to Shiawassee Park.

Matt Evangelista of 34710 Whittaker Court expressed his displeasure with the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce plan to move the 2019 Founders Festival to Shiawassee Park.

Suzanne Clinton of 32060 Grand River indicated that she was not in favor of the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce plan to move the 2019 Founders Festival to Shiawassee Park.

Delores Shepherd of 22966 Mayfield spoke against the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce plan to move the 2019 Founders Festival to Shiawassee Park.

Sue Johnson Of 21886 Ontaga, Farmington Hills voiced disapproval of the Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce plan to move the 2019 Founders Festival to Shiawassee Park.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- B. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- C. Accept City of Farmington Board and Commission Minutes
- D. Accept Farmington City Council Meeting Minutes
- E. Accept Board & Commission Resignation
- F. Resolution to Adopt the City of Farmington Emergency Support Plan

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented. **

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

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.

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

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Second Reading – Cross Walk Ordinance

City Manager Murphy recapped the proposed change to the Traffic Ordinance to improve the safety of pedestrians. City Attorney Saarela read the updated Ordinance, including a modification that had been discussed in the earlier Special Meeting, for Council discussion and approval.

LaRussa thanked the administration for their work on getting this modification ready to approve and indicated his support of the change.

Schneemann commented that he is very much in favor of the strong language of this Ordinance and is looking forward to the City of Farmington being a leader in ordinances that encourage safe walkability within the community. He is also looking forward to the time when other communities can contact Farmington to find out what has transformed our downtown.

Move to approve second reading of Amendment to Chapter 31, "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Article II, "Motor Vehicle and Uniform Traffic Codes," Division 2, "Uniform Traffic Code," of the City of Farmington Code of Ordinances to Add Section 31 55, "Pedestrians; Right-of-Way in Crosswalk". **

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to accept Change Order No. 1 and Construction Estimate No. 1 for 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation

Superintendent Eudy described reasons for the requested change.

Move to approve Change Order No. 1 and Construction Estimate No. 1 for the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation in the amount of \$6,081.75 for work completed before December 6, 2018.

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

B. Consideration to approve Change Order No. 7 and Construction Estimate No.4 (final), for the Farmington DPW wall repair and roof replacement project

Eudy summarized the now completed project to repair the structure of the DPW wall and roof.

Move to approve Change Order No. 7, and Construction Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$18,180.00 and the release of \$10,295.00 of held retainage to R. Graham Construction, located at 30966 Grand River, Farmington MI 48336 for the Farmington DPW Wall Repair and Roof Replacement Project.

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

C. Consideration to accept Change Order No. 1 and Construction Estimate No. 1 (final) for the Lilac Street Water Main Improvement Project

Eudy stated that this change order actually reduces the contract total value of the Lilac Street Water Main Improvement Project.

Move to approve Change Order No.1 and Construction estimate No. 1 (final) for the Lilac Street Water Main Improvement Project in the amount of \$89,244.50 to Lawrence M. Clarke Inc. of Belleville MI.

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

D. Consideration to adopt Oakwood Cemetery crypt lot fees

Eudy explained the planned project to sell crypt lots and a proposed fee structure.

Move to adopt Oakwood Cemetery Crypt Lot Fees establishing the fee of \$5,000 for Farmington residents and \$9,000 for non-Farmington residents.

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

E. Consideration to ratify payment to Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner for the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) equipment improvements

Eudy explained what SCADA improvements were and summarized the request for payment. LaRussa asked when previous SCADA equipment would have been outmoded and Eudy indicated that the equipment was 10 to 15 years old. He stated that the county puts a seven to eight year lifespan on its equipment.

Move to ratify payment to Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner for the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) equipment improvements in the amount of \$39,022.76 at the Twin Valley and Chesley Lift Stations.

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

F. Consideration to approve Change Order No. 1 and Construction Estimate No. 1 for the Shiawassee Streambank Stabilization

Eudy recapped the project and advised that seasonal changes caused a postponement of the streambank stabilization. LaRussa expressed concern with delays interfering with summer happenings, and Eudy said that the contractor has a listing of all City events.

Move to approve Change Order No.1 and Construction Estimate No.1 and authorize payment in the amount of \$14,570.00 with Macomb Pipeline & Utilities. \$1,457.00 will be held as retainage.

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

G. Consideration to approve Change Order No.1 and Construction Estimate No.2 (final) for the 2018 Smithfield, Farmington, Grace Street Maintenance Project

Eudy summarized the history and the conclusion of construction on this project.

Move to Approve Change Order No. 1 and Construction Estimate No.2 (final) in the amount of \$122,728.65 for the 2018 Smithfield Farmington Grace Street Maintenance project to Goretski Construction Company located at 4850 South Hill Road, Milford MI 48381.

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

H. Consideration to allow private parties to be held at Riley Park Ice Rink

City Manager Murphy gave background information on existing rules and the effect that the proposed rental use might have on the use of the rink by the public. Bowman reinforced that the rules would not change for those using the rink in a rental capacity. Galvin indicated approval of this opportunity to use Riley Park more.

Move to amend the City’s Special Events Policy to allow private events at the Riley Park Ice Rink for a fee of \$125 an hour with a minimum usage of two hours. The rink can only be rented during off-peak times which are Monday through Wednesday and not during, or the night before the following school holidays: winter vacation, MLK Day, Presidents Day and mid-winter break.

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

8. DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Demers highlighted the swearing in of Public Safety Officer Donald Shane Taylor today, bringing the department to full strength. He noted that Farmington was recently rated the 13th safest city in the state by Safewise, using 2017 data. Bowman asked him his thoughts on moving Founders Festival to Shiawassee Park. Demers answered that the scope of Public Safety operations would condense, shifting from traffic control to crowd control. He did have a concern about lighting in the park for the Festival.

Eudy reminded residents to review the City website to read about snow plowing tips and to shovel out all hydrants and mailboxes. Bowman asked him about wet ground in Shiawassee Park for Founders Festival. He responded that snow dumping will be directed to other parks this year to help with that problem. He added that his staff hours would be lowered with the Founders Festival change of venue to Shiawassee Park.

Weber asked if Council had any questions for him and Bowman asked about the financial ramifications of moving the Founders Festival, specifically noting the cost of a cold patch project that had been done to accommodate the Festival in past years. Eudy was asked to answer and explained that by eliminating that project the city would save several thousand dollars.

Christiansen also offered to answer questions. LaRussa asked about ancillary opportunities for those wishing to have events at the same time as Founders Festival and Christiansen indicated that those questions are more the purview of the City Manager’s office.

Murphy wished Happy Holidays to all.

9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

LaRussa spoke of the upcoming holidays and how it is a season of reflection. He listed City accomplishments over the past year and thanked City administration, councilmembers, and residents.

Galvin addressed the issue of moving the Founders Festival and spoke of opportunities for others to step up and expand the celebration. He encouraged future Festival planners to redefine and grow the event. He stated that the Economic and Community Development department has done a wonderful job redefining and updating the City's plans and suggested that the Economic and Community Development department should use their planning skills and take over planning the Founders Festival to reverse the present top down approach and move to a bottom up approach. He would like to give Founders Festival back to the people.

Taylor reminded the public that the Festival is not planned by the Council or the City, but rather the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce. She stated that the City Council approved the Special Events Application for use of Shiawassee Park for the 2019 Founders Festival as a routine matter and not as approval of the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce plans for the Festival. She suggested that the public go to the next Chamber of Commerce meeting and enact future changes. She also spoke of the crosswalk ordinance and how the ordinance had changed, describing how a pedestrian should indicate that they are ready to cross.

Schneemann thanked Council for a unanimous vote on the crosswalk ordinance and is excited to see how its implementation impacts the walkability and safety of the downtown. With regard to the Founders Festival, he stated that, though the Chamber runs the festival at present, it is really a community event. He enjoys the Founders Festival being downtown, but public complaints about the move and previous Festivals have raised a question in his mind about the future of the Founders Festival itself. Involvement with Farmington Hills Special Services and elected officials, our own community, the DDA, and the Chamber of Commerce all could play a big part in future plans. Schneemann noted that last year was the 50th anniversary of the Festival and he asked what the next 50 years of the Festival might look like.

10. CLOSED SESSION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATION

Move to enter closed session to discuss collective bargaining negotiation.

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

Council entered closed session at 8:16 p.m.

Move to exit closed session.

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

Council exited closed session at 8:26 p.m.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Steven Schneemann, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: January 22, 2019

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