



**Regular City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Monday, June 18, 2018  
City Council Chambers  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335**

**FINAL**

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## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on June 18, 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 7:13 PM by Mayor Schneemann.

### **1. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
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  
Director Eudy  
City Clerk Halberstadt  
City Manager Murphy  
City Attorney Schultz  
City Treasurer Weber

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Julia Mantey, member of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Commission on Community Health, led the pledge of allegiance.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following residents spoke in support of the Community Partner Playground Agreement (agenda item 7L):

Steve Baumbach  
Sarah Austin  
George Wright  
Matt Green  
Bill Zehnpfennig  
Christy Mack  
Susan Murphy

Sofia LaRussa  
Matteo LaRussa  
Sarah Davies  
Laurie Koester  
Daniel Koester  
Sophia Koester  
Any a Beals

Melissa Smith

**4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. City Council Meeting Minutes**

**Joint – February 28, 2018**

**Special – May 21, 2018**

**Regular– May 21, 2018**

**Special – May 22, 2018**

**Special – May 31, 2018**

**Regular – June 4, 2018**

**Special – June 7, 2018**

**B. Accept Minutes from City’s Boards and Commissions**

**C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report**

**D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report**

**E. Consideration to appoint Julie Mantey to the Farmington/Farmington Hills Commission on Community Health**

**F. Consideration to Accept and File the MERS Annual Actuarial Valuation Report for December 31, 2017**

**G. Consideration to approve a block closure in the Meadows subdivision for a children’s bike parade to Flanders Park**

**H. Proclamation: Engage 18**

**Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

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

**5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**Move to approve the regular agenda as amended, adding a second Public Comment as Item 10 and moving remaining items down one.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	LaRussa, Taylor, Bowman, Galvin
<b>NAYS:</b>	Schneemann

**6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Miss Oakland County Contestants**

Francesca Tuzzolino, Executive Director of the Miss Oakland County Scholarship program, was present to discuss the various programs and activities offered through the Miss Oakland County program.

**B. Main Street Accreditation**

Tim Colbeck, Mainstreet Oakland County, discussed the purpose of the Main Street program and the 10 categories on which a program is rated. He stated Farmington has met all of the criteria within those categories. He presented a plaque to Kate Knight, DDA Director, in recognition of the accreditation of Farmington’s Main Street program.

**C. Public Hearing – Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget and Millage Rates**

City Manager Murphy reviewed the proposed FY 2018-19 budget.

**Move to open a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed FY 2018-19 budget and millage rates.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember

Sarah Davies, 23120 Violet, asked about a budget provision for plantings at the Flanders Park.

Bill Zehnpfennig, 21045 Robinwood Street, expressed concern that the sidewalks on his street have not been repaired, noting all other sidewalks in his subdivision were repaired last year.

Gregg Collins, 33632 State Street, requested Council do three things: raise the millage rate from 14 to 15.5, consider selling two houses on Grand River that are owned by the city and insure future tax revenue from the development of the Maxfield Training Center site stays with the city.

Hearing no other public comment, Mayor Schneemann asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

**Move to close the public hearing.**

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

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consideration to Adopt Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget and Establish Millage Rates**

LaRussa pointed out that if Council had elected to increase the millage rate to 15 mills, the budget would show a surplus rather than a deficit.

Galvin expressed concern regarding a proposed agreement for playground equipment in Flanders Park that would be an unfunded budget item. He spoke about the many different projects throughout the city that need to be addressed.

Taylor spoke about the support expressed at the community forums for a 1.5 mill increase and the need for Council to exercise its authority in order to keep the City fiscally sound.

**Move to adopt a resolution to approve the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget and millage rates as presented. \*\***

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

**B. Consideration to Adopt Resolution Recommending Approval of Redevelopment Liquor License for Xie Zheng, LLC Dba Samurai Steakhouse, 32821 Grand River Avenue**

DDA Director Knight reviewed this agenda item, noting it will be a \$3 million dollar investment in our downtown.

**Move to approve resolution authorizing a new Class C and SDM Redevelopment Liquor License with Sunday sales permit, dance permit and entertainment permit for Xie Zheng, LLC, Dba Samurai Steakhouse, 32821 Grand River Avenue. \*\***

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

**C. Consideration to Authorize City Staff to Submit Documentation for Redevelopment Liquor License for Xie Zheng, LLC, Db a Samurai Steakhouse, 32821 Grand River Ave**

**Move to authorize city staff to submit documentation for Redevelopment Liquor License with SDM Redevelopment Liquor License for Xie Zheng, LLC, Db a Samurai Steakhouse, 32821 Grand River Avenue.**

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

**D. Consideration to Adopt Downtown Development Authority’s Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget and Establish 2018 Principal Shopping District Special Assessment**

**Move to approve a resolution to adopt Downtown Development Authority’s Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget and establish 2018 Principal Shopping District Special Assessment as presented. \*\***

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

**E. Consideration to Adopt Fiscal Year 2018-19 47<sup>th</sup> District Court, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Corridor Improvement Authority and Joint Agency Budgets**

**Move to adopt Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget Resolution for the 47<sup>th</sup> District Court, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Corridor Improvement Authority and joint agency budgets as presented. \*\***

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

**F. Consideration to Amend Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget**

**Move to adopt a resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget as presented. \*\***

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

**G. Consideration to Amend Fiscal Year 2017-18 DDA Budget**

**Move to amend Fiscal Year 2017-18 DDA budget to decrease overall appropriation by \$97,530.**

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

**H. Consideration to Adopt Resolution to Amend Residential Refuse/Recycling User Charge**

**Move to adopt a resolution to amend Residential Refuse/Recycling User Charge effective July 1, 2018 as presented. \*\***

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

**I. Consideration to amend the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee Bylaws to reduce the number of members from seven to five**

Joe Mantey, Chair of the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee, advised the committee is recommending a reduction in the number of members from seven to five in order to achieve a quorum at meetings. He discussed the difficulty they have had in achieving a quorum at any of the meetings this year. He noted currently there are only five members due to resignations.

Responding to Bowman, Schultz confirmed that if Council approves the reduction in membership, they can reappoint 7 members in the future.

Taylor stated she would like to see more representation from residents and businesses on the committee. She did not support the request. Responding to LaRussa, Mantey stated there is still value in retaining the committee since there are still ongoing issues.

Schneemann noted the Parking Committee has addressed a number of major parking concerns and is now in a period where the issues are relatively minor in scope. He likes that Council can reappoint more members at a later date.

**Move to approve the proposed amendments to the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee by-laws, reducing the membership from 7 to 5, eliminating one of the CBD business/property owner positions and one of the resident positions. \*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Galvin, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann,
<b>NAYS:</b>	Taylor

**J. Consideration to approve the City Manager to authorize and accept Cost Participation Agreement for the 2018 Oakland County Grant for the Local Road Improvement Matching Fund Pilot Program**

**Move to authorize the City Manager to accept the Cost Participate Agreement for the 2018 Oakland County Grant for the Local Road Improvement Matching Fund Pilot Program in which the City of Farmington will receive a reimbursement in the amount of \$18,325. \*\***

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

**K. Consideration to approve Change Order No.2 and Construction Estimate No. 4 - Open Cut Sewer Repair Bel-Aire Segment 26**

**Move to approve Change Order No. 2 and Construction Estimate No. 4 (final) in the amount of \$7,500 which represents a release of \$5,000 of previously held retainage to Bidigare Contractors of Plymouth, Michigan for the open cut repair Segment 26 identified in Division 1 of the Bel-Aire Shiawassee, Mooney Street Sewer Rehabilitation and Improvement Contract.**

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

**L. Consideration to pursue a Community Partner Playground Agreement for new play equipment in Flanders Park**

Schultz clarified that signing the Letter of Intent does not require Council to sign the actual agreement.

Galvin expressed concern regarding the City’s potential cost and time commitment to this project. He discussed the difference between this park project from other projects in the city. He noted three things that stood out on this project: 1) \$10k has already been allocated in budget; 2) residents are willing to raise the funds in 30 days and use their own equipment; and 3) that the neighborhood should form an association where dollars could be assessed for this project without Council involvement.

Taylor expressed support for this project, noting great enthusiasm from the community and the opportunity for grant funding.

Schultz clarified that approval of the Letter of Intent does not tie up the \$10,000 set aside for Flanders Park.

**Move to authorize the City Manager to execute a Community Partner Playground Letter of Intent subject to final approval as to form by the City Manager and City Attorney, including any amendments or revisions and subject to Council approval of final agreement. \*\***

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

**M. Consideration to Approve Payment for Meter Replacement Program west of Drake Road.**

**Move to approve payment to SLC Meter, Pontiac, Michigan, in the amount of \$17,920 for meter installation work completed through June 12, 2018.**



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

## 9. DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Eudy thanked Council for approving the payments and for the scrutiny given to other items on the agenda.

Demers thanked Council for approving the next fiscal year budget. He discussed a recent pedestrian accident where the victim crossed Farmington Road between two crosswalks. He noted that State law provides that in a business district a pedestrian must cross at a crosswalk. Responding to Bowman, Demers stated his department has been unsuccessful at locating the owner of the gun magazine found at Farmington High School.

Christiansen thanked Council for approval of the next fiscal year budget. Responding to Taylor, Christiansen stated a public hearing will be held in July regarding the Maxfield Training Center property. He responded to questions concerning other property developments in the City.

Halberstadt spoke about the upcoming election and events at the Mansion.

Murphy spoke about the concerts at noon on Wednesday.

## 10. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Baumbach thanked Council for their support of the Community Partner Playground initiative at Flanders Park.

Greg Collins thanked Taylor for adding a second public comment.

## 11. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

LaRussa thanked Council for their support of the Community Partner Playground initiative at Flanders Park. He recognized the uniqueness of the project and the need for guide rails in pursuing other grant opportunities.

Galvin congratulated Council and City Administration on a unanimous vote of the budget. He recognized Marla Parker and Court Administrator Dave Walsh who were both invited to the inaugural Supreme Court of Michigan Judicial Institute Leadership Academy.

Taylor read a proclamation declaring July 1<sup>st</sup> as Youth Voter Engagement Day in Farmington.

Bowman thanked LaRussa for his work in undertaking the grant application for the Flander's Park playground equipment.

## 12. CLOSED SESSION – Labor Negotiations

**Move to enter closed session to discuss labor negotiations.**

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

**Council entered closed session at 10:25 p.m.**

**Move to exit closed session.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Galvin, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember

**Council exited closed session at 10:50 p.m.**

**Move to approve the TPOAM agreement as discussed in closed session.**

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

**Motion to adopt a resolution amending employee administrative manual and non-union pay plan effective July 1, 2018.**

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

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

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Steve Schneemann, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: July 16, 2018

**\*\***To view approved documents, please see the Agenda Packet link that is relevant to this meeting at <http://farmgov.com/City-Services/Government/Agendas-and-Minutes/City-Council.aspx> or contact the City Clerk.