



FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on April 21, 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 Pro Tem Steve Schneemann.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor	Absent	
JoAnne McShane	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Jeff Scott	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Superintendent Eudy
City Clerk Halberstadt
City Manager Pastue
Attorney Schultz
Director Schulz
Treasurer Weber

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Minutes of the City Council - Special Study Session - Mar 17, 2014 6:00 PM**
- B. Minutes of the City Council - Regular - Mar 17, 2014 7:00 PM**
- C. Joint Meeting Minutes March 24, 2014**
- D. Minutes of the City Council - Special Study Session - Apr 7, 2014 6:00 PM**
- E. Farmington Monthly Payments Report March 2014**
- F. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report March 2014**
- G. Special Event Request - 2014 South Farmington Baseball Parade**
- H. Special Event Request Decades Dash 5K/Farmington High School**
- I. Proclamation in Recognition of Fair Housing Month April 2014**

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Special Event Request - Thursday Night Weekly Swing Dancing**
Alexander Steward, President of Swing Farmington, and Steven Smith, Secretary and Boardmember, were present to discuss their special event request.

Discussion followed regarding the average age of attendees, curfews in place, and need for increased security at the events.

Cowley indicated he could support the request if there is an upgrade in security strategy.

Motion to approve a special event request from Swing Farmington, Inc.

To host swing dancing at the Sundquist Pavilion from Thursday, May 1 through October 23, 2014, 7:30 -11:00 p.m.; further the city waives the noise ordinance to allow operation to extend until 11:30 p.m. from the end of the school year beginning June 19 through August 31; further to allow a live band performance on either August 7th or 21st, 2014, with a \$5 cover charge; contingent upon a meeting with Public Safety to upgrade security strategy.

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

B. Children, Youth & Families Presentation -Carmen Frances and Joan McGlincy

Joan McGlincy and Carmen Frances, Children, Youth & Families Commission members, were present to provide an update on commission activities.

C. Farmington Public Safety Annual Report - Robert Schulz, Director

Director Schulz reviewed highlights from the 2013 Public Safety Department Annual Report. He indicated that "Part A" crimes (most serious) once again decreased by 17.8%. He advised there was a 25% increase in burglaries and there was one homicide in 2013. He stated the department responded to over 700 calls for service involving sick or injured persons and an additional 137 calls for service involving a fire related incident. He discussed an ongoing effort to increase services, including the implementation of a drug "take back" program and implementation of crimemapping.com.

Discussion followed regarding action taken to monitor heavy trucks traveling through Farmington.

Responding to a question from McShane, Director Schulz stated they have not experienced any major concerns at Farmington High School this year.

Responding to an additional question from McShane, Director Schulz stated the department's numbers for preliminary breath testing are down due to increased competition and due to the fact they cannot do actual drug testing.

McShane commended the department for all they are able to accomplish with their available resources.

Director Schulz pointed out his officers have good relationships with other agencies and are able to obtain assistance when needed.

Scott commended the department for their efforts and recognized their importance to the community.

Schneemann also commended the department for their excellent work.

D. Public Hearing to Vacate Third Street and Cass Street in Delos Davis Subdivision and Consideration to Adopt Resolution

Pastue reviewed the purpose for the proposed vacation of Third Street and Cass Street in the Delos Davis Subdivision. He stated the proposed platted streets are unimproved and are not utilized as municipal streets or by public utilities.

Pastue noted the streets are located on the site of the Maxfield Training Center and in order to provide the Farmington Public Schools with the clear title to the property, it is necessary to vacate these platted streets.

Schultz advised the vacation of Cass Street will require a circuit court action due to its proximity to the Rouge River.

E. Motion to open public hearing to receive comment on proposed vacation of Third Street and Cass Street.

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

Doug Peterson, 32209 Oakland, questioned whether the action to vacate Third and Cass Streets would impair access to the city park or would there be a way to ensure an easement allowing public access.

Pastue stated access should still be available to the staircase leading down to the park, but he will look to ensure an easement through the PUD process.

Peterson requested access along both streets. Pastue responded the city wants to make sure everything will remain connected. The city does not want to choke off the access that currently exists.

Schultz pointed out neither street provides access to the park. He stated an easement has been reserved in the resolution that may or may not survive circuit court action. He confirmed that public access could be addressed through the PUD process.

F. Motion to close the public hearing.

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

G. Motion to adopt a resolution to vacate Third Street and Cass Street in Delos Davis Subdivision and authorize the Clerk and City Attorney to file the necessary documents.

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

Motion to adopt a resolution vacating unimproved Third Street and Cass Street within the Delos Davis Addition Subdivision in the City of Farmington and authorize the City Clerk and City Attorney to file the necessary documents. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION] CRM 04-14-006

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

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Resolution to Approve 2014 Founders Festival

City Administration reviewed a request for approval of the 2014 Founders Festival.

Motion to adopt a resolution approving the 2014 Founders Festival which includes approving dates for the festival, event locations, authorizing closing of roads, and authorizing applications for temporary liquor licenses. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION] CRM 04-14-007.

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

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Resolution to Repair Grand River Avenue

City Administration reviewed a proposed resolution strongly urging the state legislature to appropriate the necessary funds for repairs to Grand River during the 2014 construction season.

Responding to a question from McShane, Pastue advised the Mayor has volunteered to personally deliver the resolution to the legislature.

Discussion followed regarding how the residential property along Grand River has been adversely affected by the deterioration of that road.

McShane stated it is imperative that the city takes a stand on this issue because it affects the health and safety of Farmington. It also detracts from the appearance of the community.

Discussion followed regarding the desire of the city to take over maintenance of Grand River from MDOT.

Schneemann reiterated that city administration and council is very sensitive to the fact that Grand River is in need of repair. He pointed out the \$3 million overlay the city is requesting in the resolution is different than a total reconstruction. He stated Grand River in some sense is the life blood of the community and that council and the city take this responsibility very seriously.

Motion to adopt a resolution requesting appropriation of state funds to mill and overlay Grand River Avenue from Halsted Road to Farmington Road during the 2014 construction season. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION] CRM 04-14-008

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

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER: Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES: Greg Cowley, JoAnne McShane, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
ABSENT: William Galvin

B. City Manager Transmittal of Proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 Proposed Budget

Pastue advised the proposed FY 2014-15 budget amount is \$14,811,117 which is one million less than last year. The difference being there were two large projects last fiscal year. He advised the proposed budget will be available on the city's website. He noted the budget is balanced for two years.

Motion to receive the City Manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget.

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

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Superintendent Eudy indicated Hydrodesign, company secured for the cross connection program, has begun sending out notifications to businesses of impending inspections. He stated crews are beginning restoration efforts as a result of snowplow damage over the winter and water main repairs. He indicated the ice rink has been dismantled; expansion of road maintenance program; and his department has been fielding concerns regarding the maintenance of Flanders Park.

Schulz thanked council for the opportunity to present the Public Safety Department annual report. With the warmer weather, he asked residents to help eliminate opportunity for crime by keeping their garage doors closed, keeping valuables in vehicles out of sight and keeping cars locked.

Halberstadt announced upcoming events at the Governor Warner Mansion.

10. COUNCIL COMMENT

Cowley congratulated and thanked the Public Safety Department for their response to a major fire at his restaurant. He stated they took great care to preserve and not destroy the building. He indicated his restaurant was back up and running quickly due to the efforts of the department.

Scott stated that as a result of the hard work from Pastue and Christiansen the city has seen a significant amount of redevelopment. He noted the Planning Commission recently reviewed three significant projects. He advised the city has to take a long

term view in considering the proposed project for the KIMCO plaza making sure it fits within the city's vision plan.

McShane pointed out a fashion spread in a Detroit publication that was photographed in the Warner Mansion. She also noted new Downtown Development Authority members were recently highlighted in the Detroit Free Press. She further pointed out the article in the Farmington Observer recognizing the Gabel family for their long term paper delivery service in the community.

Schneemann thanked everyone for their patience in running his first council meeting. He concurred with Scott regarding his comments concerning redevelopment and the proposed KIMCO project. He stated the city is eager to work with KIMCO to make this project a reality.

11.ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____