



**FINAL**

**SPECIAL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

A Special Study Session meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on January 22, 2013, in Conference Room A, Farmington City Hall, Farmington, MI. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Pro Tem William Galvin.

**1. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
J.T. Buck	Mayor	Absent	
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Kristin Kuiken	Councilmember	Present	
JoAnne McShane	Councilmember	Present	

**City Administration Present**

Superintendent Eudy (arrived 6:15 pm)  
 Director Christiansen (arrived 6:15 pm)  
 City Clerk Halberstadt  
 City Manager Pastue  
 DDA Director Knowles (arrived 6:15 p.m.)

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Buck

**3. BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEW**

**A. Les Key - Downtown Development Authority**

Council interviewed Les Key for a position on the Downtown Development Authority.

**4. REVIEW OF WARNER AND OAKLAND STREET PROJECTS**

**A. Review of Warner and Oakland Street Projects - Matt Parks/OHM**

Matt Parks from the City's engineering firm, OHM, was present to review the plans for the Warner & Oakland paving and utility improvement projects.

Discussion followed regarding restricting construction during the Founders Festival.

Responding to a question from Cowley, Parks stated most of the equipment would be staged in the right-of-way as well as Dimitri's parking lot and the DPW yard.

Eudy explained water main replacement will only be done on Oakland Street which minimizes the need for equipment staging for Warner.

Discussion followed regarding the provisions for heavy truck traffic.

Responding to a question from McShane, Parks stated the curbing on Oakland between Grand River and Farmington will be refurbished. However, the area between Farmington Road and Warner will remain without curbing in order to maintain the historic feel of the neighborhood. He also pointed out that curbing would require significant easements from the residents.

Parks discussed construction that will be done to improve drainage in that area.

Responding to a further question, Parks indicated Oakland would not be widened.

Parks stated Warner Street, between Grand River and Thomas, will be totally reconstructed with new curbing and gutter and the next block up, between Thomas and Oakland, new interval curbing will be installed on the east side.

Discussion followed regarding modifications that will be made to the water mains on Warner.

Responding to a question from McShane, Parks stated they will make every effort to allow homeowners access to their driveways during construction. He noted water will only be interrupted 3-4 hours when service leads are tied in. He confirmed businesses on Grand River would not experience water interruptions.

Galvin asked about the residents' awareness of this project.

Pastue responded the City plans to invite homeowners to a meeting in March regarding the project.

Parks spoke about their quality based selection process in choosing contractors.

In response to a question from Kuiken, Parks spoke about addressing drainage issues on Oakland.

Cowley asked about penalties and incentives for contractors and promotion to shop downtown during construction.

DDA Director Knowles stated a small budget was set aside for the Grove Street project to promote the downtown. She stated they are currently researching how they can support the businesses during construction.

Parks stated there are liquidated damages for time over substantial completion and final completion of a \$1000 a day.

Responding to a question from McShane, Pastue stated OHM will have a liaison available for residents.

Discussion followed regarding the rationale for combining bids for the Warner/Oakland projects.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Pastue stated there will be no additional parking on Warner as a result of the construction as originally planned.

Cowley expressed hope that the contractor will be sensitive to staging equipment so that parking is not affected.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Eudy stated there are no security concerns for equipment staged at the DPW yard.

Pastue will talk to the schools regarding using the Maxfield Training center parking lot during construction.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

## **6. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Pastue announced the first meeting of the Community Vision Program is scheduled for February 20th at Farmington High School.

McShane asked about SWOCC recording the meeting. Pastue will follow-up.

Christiansen announced the Grand River CIA Summit Meeting would take place the following evening on Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30pm at the Costick Center.

Pastue advised the February 4th Council meeting will be treated as a regular meeting due to a number of important decisions that need to be made relative to the Grove Street Project.

Christiansen advised he will be providing Council with a regular economic development update.

Galvin pointed out a year ago this month Council voted in support of the SMART millage. His vote in support of the millage was based on an eye towards the future in the hope of developments in Lansing with regard to a regional transportation authority and bus rapid transit system. One year later a regional authority has been established by Lansing and there is an eye towards the future with the bus rapid transit system.

Galvin noted Detroit has come out with its own mass transportation vision. He further noted U.S. Secretary LaHood has come to Detroit with a check for \$25 million for a lite rail system. He pointed out how different the status of mass transportation looks today compared to a year ago. He stated it is important to tie this into the Visioning Plan as well as the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority and how those programs may connect on a regional basis.

McShane asked what is the grand plan for regional transportation and how it benefits Farmington.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**1. Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Kristin Kuiken, JoAnne McShane
<b>ABSENT:</b>	J.T. Buck

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Mayor Pro Tem William Galvin

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_