



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 19, 2019
City Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on February 19, 2019, in Farmington City Hall, 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 7:09 p.m. 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 Schultz
City Treasurer Weber

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

William Miller, 31621 Lamar Drive, new County Commissioner for this district, introduced himself and mentioned the County's West Nile reimbursement. He also informed Council about what the County Commission was presently working on.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA**A. City Council Minutes:**

- a. Jan. 22, 2019 Special Meeting
- b. Jan. 22, 2019, Regular Meeting
- c. Jan. 29, 2019, Special Meeting
- d. Feb. 4, 2019, Regular Meeting
- e. Feb. 12, Special Meeting

B. Accept Minutes from City Boards and Commissions**C. Farmington Quarterly Financial Report –12/31/18****D. Farmington Quarterly Financial Report Court –12/31/18****E. Farmington Quarterly Investment Report –12/31/18****F. Farmington Monthly Payments Report****G. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report****H. Oakwood Cemetery Rule Revision**

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

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

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda with a change to Item 6A, striking Appointments to Boards and Commissions and replacing it with consideration to approve Grant Agreement between the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) and the Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS**A. Consideration to approve Grant Agreement between the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) and the Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills**

City Attorney Schultz detailed the need for approval of the Grant Agreement with the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission. LaRussa asked about the cost analysis and why this showed up right now instead of being considered earlier. Schultz replied that the draft has been out there but MIDC encouraged completion of the application. Galvin was pleased with the size of the grant and spoke about the costs of the services detailed.

Schneemann asked what the city's cost for the MIDC program was presently, and City Treasurer Weber explained that the level is consistent from year to year.

Move to approve the Grant Agreement between the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) and the Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, with the understanding that any amendments favorable to the cities can be included in the final, signed version of the agreement upon approval from the City Manager's office and the City Attorney's office.

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

B. Second Reading and Consideration to adopt Stormwater Management Ordinance

Superintendent Eudy gave background on the stormwater ordinance. LaRussa asked about what an illicit discharge might be, and how often this happens in Farmington. Eudy described how an earlier separation project of combined sewage discharges might have had instances left over. Bowman asked about notification of businesses that might be making an illegal discharge and Eudy stated that initial contact is in person. Schneemann asked the same question about residents and what that type of discharge might look like. Sampling and testing is done by Oakland County every two years and will find any "hot spot".

Move to adopt an ordinance to amend the City of Farmington City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34, "Water & Sewers," to add Article IV "Stormwater Management," which prohibits illicit discharges within the City of Farmington. The ordinance shall be known and cited as the Illicit Discharge Elimination Program.**

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

7. DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Demers suggested that residents sign up for Nixle alerts to stay informed about news and emergencies. Responding to a question from Galvin, Demers recounted a recent fire emergency in the city in which Sergeant Madeline rescued a woman from a hazardous situation.

Eudy asked residents to keep water meters in a heated area so that they will not freeze in this weather.

Weber reminded residents that they can pay property tax and water bills online.

Christiansen recapped current and future projects and announced that Blue Hat Coffee was looking to begin a PUD process for use of part of the Masonic Hall building. He also announced several dates of upcoming events related to the Master Plan update, a public engagement meeting, and a Capital Improvement Program public hearing that is planned. Taylor asked for more information on Blue Hat Coffee.

Mullison announced that anyone wishing to receive an absentee ballot application before all elections should contact the Clerk’s office and get put on the Permanent AV list.

Murphy extended a thank you to DPW workers in this difficult weather and lauded the great job they do.

8. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

LaRussa thanked Mr. Miller for staying for the rest of the meeting and requested he bring outreach to Farmington from the County and help Farmington's funding by engaging a multiplier effect. Referencing the discussion at the Special meeting, he spoke favorably regarding the initiative taken by South Farmington Little League in their fundraising efforts to make necessary improvements to Shiawassee Park ball fields.

Bowman recalled recent government derision and divisiveness on the national and local level and said she is not discouraged by it because of the number of volunteers the City has recently had for their Boards and Commissions. She is encouraged by the fact that people are stepping up to be part of the solution.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Steven Schneemann, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: March 18, 2019

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