



**Special City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 PM, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016**  
**Conference Room**  
**Farmington City Hall**  
**23600 Liberty St**  
**Farmington, MI 48335**

**FINAL**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on February 1, 2016, in 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 7:00 PM by Mayor William Galvin.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Sara Bowman	Council Member	Present	
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Jeff Scott	Councilmember	Present	

**City Administration Present**

Director Christiansen  
 Director Demers  
 Superintendent Eudy  
 City Clerk Halberstadt  
 City Manager Murphy  
 Attorney Schultz

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sara Bowman, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sue Kahn, Farmington Hills resident, expressed concern regarding a recent Martin Luther King (MLK) program sponsored by the Multi-Cultural Multi-Racial Committee (MCMR). Her objection was with one of the speakers, Dawud Walid, who is affiliated with the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). She believes the presentation was one-sided and an opposing viewpoint presented. She would like to know how the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills could let this happen. She further asked why the speakers were not vetted for this program.

Linda Stolberg, Farmington Hills resident, also expressed dismay at the MLK program, especially as one looks at the mission statement of MCMR. She would like answers from City Council as to why this happened.

Rachel Gallagher, 27820 Berrywood, encouraged Council to approve the proposed amendment to the Traffic Control Order when it comes before them later in the agenda.

#### **4. BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE PRESENTATION - LARRY KILNER**

Larry Kilner, Chair of the Beautification Committee, summarized the Committee's mission statement. He discussed the Sunflower Explosion theme they used last summer and its representation of the history of Farmington. He spoke about a number of activities undertaken by the Committee including: hanging flags in the downtown; planting five islands within the city; and beautification award program. He noted the Committee will sponsor the scarecrow contest this year. He further noted others projects undertaken including: Christmas decorations and floats in the Founders Festival and Memorial Day parades.

Schneemann thanked the Committee for all they do for our community. They are an example of what makes this community great. He asked regarding the location of the sunflowers in the downtown.

Kilner responded the Committee wanted to place them where they would be visible.

Schneemann advised that it is important to designate certain areas for the sunflowers. He asked about the time period for the flags.

Kilner responded they are hung by Memorial Day and removed sometime in early fall.

Cowley thanked the Committee for taking ownership of the scarecrow contest.

Bowman expressed gratitude to the Committee for all their efforts. She loves "cabbage island" located at Grand River and Shiawassee. She is happy to see the return of the scarecrow contest.

Galvin would like to see cooperation with the American Legion regarding hanging the flags.

#### **5. PROCLAMATION**

##### **A. Proclamation - Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young Awareness Week**

Mayor Galvin read a proclamation in recognition of Sudden Cardiac Death of the Young Awareness Week, February 1-6, 2016.

#### **6. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ESTIMATE FOR TWIN VALLEY**

##### **A. Consideration to Approve Construction Estimate No. 2 for the Twin Valley Pump Station.**

Eudy discussed a request for approval of Estimate No. 2 for the Twin Valley Pump Station. He explained there was a delay in the project due to the need to order electrical panel components.

**Motion to approve Construction Estimate No. 2 for the reconstruction of the Twin Valley Pump Station and authorize payment in the amount of \$72,787.50, including 10% retainage, to Bidigare Contractors, Inc.**

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sara Bowman, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

## 7. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER

### A. Amend Traffic Control Order for North Parking Lot

City Administration advised this item was tabled at the January 4th meeting to allow more time for further review. It was further noted that the traffic control order will not take effect until new signs are installed.

Director Demers advised a time lapse camera was installed on the North parking lot for a 7-day period, January 8 -14, 9 a.m.-6:00 p.m. He stated the camera revealed that of the 12 spaces available, 5-7 vehicles remained parked beyond 3 hours. He stated through personal observation most of the vehicles belonged to business owners in the North Lot. He noted one vehicle in particular never moves. He then showed the video from the time lapse camera.

Bowman commented the time lapse video was compelling in terms of lack of turnover.

Cowley expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Department of Public Safety. He stated demonstrated there is no turnover in that area. He stated it is the same story in other areas of the lot. He made the following two points: 1) the north lot is the only lot in the downtown that has 23% untimed parking spaces; and 2) it is literally a couple hundred steps for business owners and employees to park elsewhere. He stated a priority of the Parking Committee is to move employees to remote areas to allow more parking for customers.

Responding to a question from Schneemann, Demers stated there are four apartments on the North Lot.

Responding to a further question from Schneemann, Murphy advised residents are able to park at the Masonic Temple or the Maxfield Training Center all day.

Schneemann stated his only concern is for the apartment dwellers. He noted the city should support and promote downtown living. He further noted the lack of parking close by could reduce the value of those apartments.

Scott confirmed with Demers that the nine spaces on the west side of the Village Shoe Inn is public parking. He also confirmed that the angled parking east of the Grace Insurance building will be timed parking.

Scott expressed support for a consistent policy on timed parking. He opposed making exceptions for residents. He is comfortable with the Traffic Order as proposed.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Demers stated the handicapped spaces would be timed as well, consistent with a State recommendation.

Responding to an additional question from Galvin, Demers advised a location for a loading zone has been identified on the north side of the island. He stated for residents, business owners, etc. who are moving, he will make allowances for drivers to back in their trucks. He requires that arrangements be made ahead of time with his department. He is willing to work with residents, etc. on a case-by-case basis.

Galvin spoke about discussions he had with restaurant business owners regarding parking changes in the North Lot. He stated they expressed concern regarding employees who need to walk to their cars in the dark. He asked Demers to address their concerns regarding safety.

Demers responded that statistically it is safer to traverse the North Lot than to spend time in the businesses. He stated his department has a strong business watch which includes the businesses on the North Lot. He noted Sergeant Wash is in charge of that program and keeps in regular contact with business owners and DDA officials.

Elizabeth Turtin, Parking Committee Chairperson, expressed appreciation that the safety concerns noted by business owners is being addressed. She had no additional comments to what has already been stated.

Galvin discussed the objectives of parking management. He stated his pride in the Department of Public Safety, recognizing their exemplary customer service attitude. He recognized the admirable job being done by Chairperson Turtin and her committee. He encouraged the Parking Committee to continue monitoring downtown parking data for the city's short and long term parking goals.

**Motion to approve a traffic control order amendment to include three (3) hour time-limited parking in the public parking spaces along the far north row in the north municipal lot and the nine spaces located adjacent to the west side of the Village Shoe Inn; and the angled parking adjacent to the Grace Insurance building. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].**

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

**RESULT:**       **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**       Jeff Scott, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:**   Greg Cowley, Councilmember  
**AYES:**        Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

**B. Amend Traffic Control Order - Loading Zone**

- 1. Motion to approve a resolution to amend a traffic control order to provide a "15 minute loading zone" on the south side along the north curb of the island located in the North Municipal Lot.**  
[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]

**RESULT:**       **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**       Greg Cowley, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:**   Jeff Scott, Councilmember  
**AYES:**        Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

**8. REVIEW FEBRUARY'S CITY CALENDAR**

Christiansen reviewed the February calendar with Council and highlighted upcoming meetings.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

Murphy requested feedback from Council on the proposed Special Event Policy. He advised he would be away from his office for the remainder of the week.

**10. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Schneemann stated he was unaware of controversy surrounding the recent MLK event. He would like to know more information regarding the concerns and the city's participation in the event.

Murphy discussed an earlier MCMR meeting where there was controversy regarding the refugee crisis. He stated the city had no knowledge of the controversial speaker. He will find out who secured the speakers and if any kind of vetting process was used. He stated MCMR seemed disorganized with no leadership.

Schneemann asked why the city is involved if there is no leadership. He stated the need to evaluate the city's affiliation with the group.

Bowman spoke about her recent opportunity as guest of State Representative Christine Greig at State of State address in Lansing. She discussed her ride along experience with Officer Miracle. She stated the city has an amazing group of hard working officers.

Galvin advised Council and City Manager Murphy toured the 47th District Court earlier in the evening. He thanked Court Administrator Walsh and his staff for the tour.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**1. Motion to Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

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William E. Galvin, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: March 21, 2016