



FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on January 22, 2013, 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 William Galvin.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
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
Director Christiansen
City Clerk Halberstadt
City Manager Pastue
Attorney Saarela
Director Schulz
Treasurer Weber

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Richard Lerner was invited to lead the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Minutes of the City Council - Special Study Session - Dec 17, 2012 6:00 PM

B. Minutes of the City Council - Regular - Dec 17, 2012 7:00 PM

C. Minutes of the City Council - Special Study Session - Jan 7, 2013 7:00 PM**D. Farmington Monthly Payments Report****E. Approve Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report, December 2012****F. Consideration to Renew Southeast Michigan Council of Governments Membership****4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane
ABSENT:	Buck

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS**A. F2H Fit Challenge - Richard Lerner**

Richard Lerner, Farmington Hills City Councilmember, was present to discuss a new fitness initiative, F2H Fit Challenge. The F2H Fit Challenge is a Farmington/Farmington Hills cities-wide initiative to help everyone achieve better health, and encourage a culture of healthy lifestyles in our community. The program was officially launched on January 17th.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. Consideration to Adopt Resolution #4 for Grove Street Improvement District Accepting Assessment Roll and Scheduling Public Hearing**

Pastue advised Resolution No. 4 for the Grove Street Improvement District authorizes acceptance of the preliminary assessment roll and schedules a public hearing for Monday, February 4, 2013.

Move to adopt Resolution No. 4 for the Grove Street Improvement District accepting the preliminary assessment roll and schedule a public hearing for Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. [See Attached Resolution No. 01-13-001]

The votes were taken in the following order: Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
AYES:	Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Kristin Kuiken, JoAnne McShane
ABSENT:	J.T. Buck

B. Consideration to Adopt Ordinance C-768-2012 Amending Chapter 5 of the City Code

Pastue reviewed provisions of the proposed ordinance that amends Chapter 5 of the City Code regarding the definition of Livestock. This amendment removes horses and ponies from the definition of livestock making it consistent with the zoning ordinance.

Responding to a question from Cowley, Pastue confirmed no changes have been made since the ordinance was introduced.

Galvin asked what would happen if the ordinance did not pass.

Pastue responded Chapter 5 would be inconsistent with the Zoning Code.

Move to adopt Ordinance C-768-2012 amending Chapter 5 of the City Code regarding the definition of livestock. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE].

The votes were taken in the following order: Galvin, Kuiken, McShane, Cowley.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
SECONDER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
AYES:	Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Kristin Kuiken, JoAnne McShane
ABSENT:	J.T. Buck

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Adopt Resolution Affirming a Plan for Cooperation, Collaboration, and Consolidation for the Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP)

Pastue reviewed provisions of the EVIP resolution.

McShane asked how Lansing will respond once the resolution is submitted.

Pastue responded the immediate purpose of the resolution is eligibility to receive approximately \$30K in revenue sharing from the State. He was unsure how closely the State reviews the resolution. He stated it is an exercise to get communities thinking about collaboration. He advised there is no set timeline to the resolution.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Pastue stated the F2H program would probably not qualify as a collaborative effort since collaboration relates to community services.

Move to adopt resolution affirming a plan for cooperation, collaboration, and consolidation for the Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP). [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION NO. 01-13-002]

The votes were taken in the following order: Kuiken, McShane, Cowley, Galvin.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
SECONDER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
AYES:	Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Kristin Kuiken, JoAnne McShane
ABSENT:	J.T. Buck

B. Consideration to Adopt Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Documentation to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission Petition for Redevelopment Liquor Licenses Within the Downtown Development Authority District

Pastue advised Public Act 501 of 2006 created an opportunity for communities to issue additional liquor licenses within designated redevelopment areas and within districts like the Downtown Development Authority. He further advised the resolution is for City Council to authorize submitting a request for redevelopment licenses within the DDA District.

Responding to a question from Cowley, Pastue stated the license requires a \$75K investment, that the actual cost of the license is \$20K, and is limited to the DDA District.

Responding to a question from McShane, Pastue stated the DDA will probably not have all 28 redevelopment licenses originally awarded in 2009. He confirmed information regarding the licenses will be included as part of a marketing/incentive package for the downtown.

McShane asked if previous redevelopment properties would be eligible for a license. Pastue responded there is a 3-year window for such properties to apply.

McShane commented this is one more tool in the toolbox for marketing the downtown. She is very excited about this additional opportunity.

Kuiken asked how this license compares to a resort liquor license.

Pastue responded a resort license has broader use; there is a designated allotment; and is statewide.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Pastue stated these licenses have no effect on availability of liquor licenses outside of the downtown district. He stated licenses outside the district are governed by County allotment.

Responding to an additional question from Galvin, Pastue advised the resolution is a one-time requirement.

Move to adopt resolution authorizing submittal of documentation to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission petitioning for Redevelopment liquor licenses within the Downtown Development Authority District. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION NO. 01-13-003].

The votes were taken in the following order: McShane, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
AYES:	Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Kristin Kuiken, JoAnne McShane
ABSENT:	J.T. Buck

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Director Christiansen provided an update on economic development in Farmington including: Grove Street project, Drakeshire Plaza renovations and possible tenants; new restaurant, Los Tres Amigos and related parking lot split; purchase of Dunleavy's by Brightside Dental, issuance of RFP related to the Orchard Condominium property, Exchange Building second story addition, and Grand River Corridor Visioning Summit.

McShane commented on the number of outstanding of projects; noted the number of opportunities that have come the city's way and grateful we are able to seize them. She stated all this activity says a lot about city staff and all they are doing to bring Farmington to a better place. She is pleased to receive the economic development updates allowing the television audience the opportunity to hear what is going on in Farmington.

Galvin asked whether Manifold Ventures, new owners of the T.J.Maxx Center, will rename it The Groves?

Christiansen responded he believed that is their intent.

Galvin encouraged everyone to refer to it as The Groves once that name has been established.

Eudy noted his staff is excited about changes to software that will streamline the department's administrative process. The City experienced minimal impact from the recent wind storm. His department has begun to educate employees on the water and sewer system so that in the future they will have a broader, higher educated staff that understands the system. He discussed upcoming construction projects.

Schulz advised Part A (most serious) crimes are down 13%, however, calls-for-service have increased. In reference to the recent wind storm, he reminded residents to call public safety if they see downed power lines and not to touch them as they may still be energized. Also, if traffic signals are out the intersection should be treated as a 4-way stop.

Schulz further advised they are about to kick off the 911 memorial fund. He indicated more

information can be found on the Public Safety website and noted a separate account for donations has been established. He also noted they are set up to receive credit cards.

Responding to a question from McShane, Schulz stated anyone who would like to assist with the fund drive should call him.

Cowley requested an update on dispatch consolidation.

Schulz stated there has been some minor tweaking, but the consolidation is going well. He has received no negative feedback from residents, other than the phone issue, and there have been no complaints from officers. The cadets are doing an excellent job.

Kuiken noted Public Safety did a great job responding to the wind storm.

Schulz gave credit to the department's afternoon crew for their efforts.

Weber discussed a new state program directed at residents who are delinquent on property taxes called, Step Forward Michigan Home Rescue Program. Residents can qualify to receive up to \$30K from the State for payment of their taxes. He discussed further details on how to qualify for the program. He encouraged interested residents to contact the Oakland County Treasurer's office.

Pastue advised staff is busy with the upcoming budget and bargaining agreements. He noted the upcoming construction season will be exciting, but challenging.

10. COUNCIL COMMENT

Kuiken encouraged everyone to visit the F2H website and challenged viewers to register.

McShane referred to comments she made at a recent meeting regarding the Sandy Hook elementary school shooting. At that time she talked about what the community might do to prevent something like this from happening again. She stated the reason she is bringing it forward again is due to the upcoming Visioning Program where the first taskforce meeting is scheduled for February 20th. She is hoping there will be good representation from the community. She would like to see health, safety and welfare as a component of this program so that people can share ideas on how to make this community safer.

Cowley encouraged everyone to attend two upcoming visioning sessions: the first one is for the Grand River Corridor, scheduled on January 23rd at 6:30PM at the Costick Center; and the second one is the Farmington Visioning Program scheduled for February 20th with time and place to be determined. He spoke about the upcoming construction season and asked everyone to support the businesses in the downtown throughout this process.

Galvin pointed he voted "no" on the animal ordinances that were introduced this year, however, he voted "yes" on the animal ordinance adopted earlier that evening. He stated he voted "yes" because to do otherwise might have meant there would be inconsistency in the City Code.

Galvin announced the first Council meeting in February, which would typically be a special meeting, will be a regular one due to the importance of the agenda. He advised there will be multiple votes taken on the upcoming projects including Grove Street. He discussed the Visioning Program and the upcoming taskforce meeting on February 20th. He noted this program will be a 5-6 month process providing ample opportunities for public participation. This is an opportunity that only comes around every 15 years for residents to be part of the

dialogue in setting the direction for the City.

Pastue advised the program will be communicated to residents through information provided in their tax notices, televised on Channel 15, and status updates on the City's website.

11. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
SECONDER:	William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Kristin Kuiken, JoAnne McShane
ABSENT:	J.T. Buck

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem William Galvin

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____