



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, September 16, 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 September 16, 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 7:00 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

Irwin Moyna, 33651 Argonne Road, Farmington Hills, of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Commission's September Tip of Month: Stay Informed.

Geof Perrot, 22661 Brookdale, introduced himself and informed Council about his qualifications as a candidate for City Council.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Accept Minutes from City Boards and Commissions**
- B. Farmington City Council Minutes**
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report**
- D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report**
- E. ZBA appointment (move alternate member to regular seat)**
- F. Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Transportation Work Authorization (TWA) information**

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

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

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration to approve resolution authorizing issuance of re-funding bonds**

Director Weber informed Council that the City had the opportunity to save money by refinancing the debt. He requested adoption of a resolution authorizing the issuance of re-funding bonds. Weber introduced Pat McGow, City Bond Attorney, and Carrie Blanchett, City Financial Advisor, for questions. Galvin asked which debt issues would be refunded and Weber replied OPEB debt, Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Bonds, Streetscape Bond, and others. Galvin asked about a rough estimate for cash flow savings. Weber responded that the savings could impact the general fund. LaRussa asked about principal reduction and current maturities versus what it could look like. McGow spoke about the OPEB issue and explained economies of scale.

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019 (Taxable).**

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

B. Consideration to approve Shiawassee Road Storm Sewer Repair

Superintendent Eudy presented a request for payment for the storm sewer repair that was recently completed.

Move to approve payment to Pipeline Management Company Incorporated in the amount of \$13,500 for the Shiawassee Road storm sewer repair.**

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

C. Consideration to accept Construction Estimate No. 5 for the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation

Eudy summarized the impending completion of this contract and requested approval for payment. Discussion ensued about the scope of the crack sealing and other specifics encompassed by this project.

Move to approve Construction Estimate No. 5 for the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation in the amount of \$15,038.18 to Hartwell Cement Company located at 21650 Fern Avenue, Oak Park MI 48237.**

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

D. Consideration to approve SLC Meter Service to provide ¾ inch & 1 inch water meter installations

Eudy said the City is focusing water meter replacements from Farmington Road to the eastern City limits, and from Grand River south to the Freedom Road area. LaRussa clarified the

improved use of the meters. Bowman asked whether other meters were budgeted for next year and Eudy explained that there is typically a 90% success rate in getting meters replaced in homes on the first try, and those that cannot be replaced this year will be replaced next year. Schneemann asked about whether we are getting close to finishing the meter replacement in the City and requested that the DPW insist that contractors are properly credentialed and identifiable to residents. Eudy enumerated the ways in which SLC representatives are badged and encouraged residents to call his department with any concerns.

Move to approve SLC Meter located at 595 Bradford Street, Pontiac MI to install the proposed 400 water meters at a cost of \$64.00 per meter. If funding permits, additional meters to be installed at a cost of \$64.00 each. The installation project shall not exceed \$27,200.**

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

E. Consideration to approve purchase of replacement water meters

Eudy described replacing large bore meters that are primarily used in large businesses and apartment complexes.

Move to authorize the purchase of “E-Series” water meters from Badger Meter Incorporated located at 4545 Brown Deer Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53224-9536 in the amount not to exceed \$118,400.**

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

F. Consideration to approve Construction Estimate No. 2 for the Shiawassee Streambank Stabilization

Eudy said the Streambank Stabilization project is mostly wrapped up and protects the foundation of the bridge for Shiawassee Road to cross the river. Bowman requested information about what will be done to repair the staging area. Schneemann asked about having the contractor mobilized a year ago, and Eudy explained that it took a year longer than expected because of weather and river levels. He confirmed that the delay had no financial impact on the city.

Move to approve Construction Estimate No.2 and authorize payment in the amount of \$87,962.50 with Macomb Pipeline & Utilities. \$5,297.50 will be held as retainage.**

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

G. Consideration to approve migration from Micro Focus Group Wise to Microsoft Office

City Manager Murphy introduced a proposal for Farmington to save costs by moving to Microsoft Office 365 in this fiscal year along with the City of Farmington Hills. He asked to amend the budget to bring this project forward from what was previously planned for next year.

Bowman pointed out that this subject had been discussed in the previous special meeting and that since we share our IT with Farmington Hills, it makes sense to make the move when they do. She also emphasized the importance of cybersecurity since GroupWise has not invested in its tech support.

When asked by Schneemann the approximate savings of sharing IT services with Farmington Hills, Weber and Murphy estimated costs would be higher either by having an in-house Farmington IT employee or by hiring an outside firm.

Move to approve the early migration from Micro Focus Group Wise to Microsoft Office 365 in order to save money by joining Farmington Hills and taking advantage of the economy of scale for subscription purchases and implementation costs and amend the 2019/20 fiscal year budget as provided in Budget Amendment #2.**

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

7. DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Demers announced the hiring of a new parking enforcement officer, Michael Geldmacher. He also mentioned a new cadet, Shuber Ahmed. Bowman thanked School Liaison Officer Brown and his recent correspondence to families about keeping kids safe and reminding about rules to make the year go well.

Weber was questioned by Galvin about the five year forecast built into budget and the Farmington Road streetscape. He asked Weber to bring a forecast to Council in the next couple of months.

Eudy also announced two new employees, one in Water and Sewer and one in Public Works. He presented a video of the new Vactor truck which was produced by Farmington Video Productions. Schneemann commended the DPW crew who cleaned and trimmed up around the 9-11 Memorial.

Christiansen reported updates on Economic and Community Development across Farmington. He also announced staffing changes that made the best of staff resources. LaRussa thanked Christiansen for the summary of all the activities within the City. He requested that Christiansen submit a quarterly or monthly summary similar to the document produced by Public Safety that would inform Council and the City about current code and ordinance enforcement.

Mullison announced that no-reason Absent Voter Ballot applications are now available from the Clerk’s Office. Absent Voter Ballots for the November election are scheduled to begin being mailed out the first week of October.

Murphy mentioned that a meeting would be necessary concerning the future of the Mansion and Mansion Director and he will be contacting each councilmember in that regard.

8. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

LaRussa drew attention to the transportation work authorization that was approved in the consent agenda, explaining that it was related to the ongoing flooding issues in the Mayfield area. He commended Eudy for moving swiftly to get authorization for corrective action on the problem.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Steven Schneemann, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: October 21, 2019

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