



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, June 4, 2018
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on June 4, 2018, at 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 Steve 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

Superintendent Eudy
Deputy City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Saarela
City Treasurer Weber

2. Approval of Agenda

Move to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented.

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

3. Public Comment

George Wright, 21492 Birchwood, commented on tree trimming concerns.

Cathy Fruechtenicht, 32306 Valleyview Circle, expressed her concerns regarding budget options and impact on the Warner Mansion.

Chris Hollis, 33660 Hillcrest, thanked the City for the community forums; expressed concern regarding the impact of a millage increase on the City's bond rating and the proposed millage increase.

Joyce Hagen, 24901 Tana Court, questioned the impact of the sale of the Maxfield Training Center on the City's budget.

4. Board and Commission interview: Andrew Biggs, Emergency Preparedness Committee

Council interviewed Biggs for appointment to the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Move to appoint Andrew Biggs to the Emergency Preparedness Committee for a Term Ending February 1, 2020.

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

5. Consideration to Approve Public Hearing Notice for Proposed FY 2018-19 Budget and Property Tax Rate

Murphy presented a recommendation to approve a notice for public hearing for the proposed FY2018-19 budget and property tax rate. He outlined options that had been considered by administration before recommending a course of action to Council in a previous Special Meeting. Schneeman asked about legal counsel advising that language could be included in the ballot measure to indicate where the funds would be allocated, and Saarela answered that, though it might be unusual, they had found nothing to prohibit that.

Bowman believes millage increases should be brought to the voters, she also thinks that it is important to pursue splitting the 1.5 for general fund and 1.5 for capital improvements in the one ballot measure. She likes having it in one ballot measure with language for both so that it does not become confusing.

Galvin supports not raising taxes in this budget that would use the remaining millage that Council has the authority to levy. First, it supports the original budget that administration brought to Council, and secondly, it gives our community time to be more engaged in a potential tax increase conversation. He is concerned about allowing future city councils the leeway to govern the way our citizens intend. Should the voters approve a millage increase, he would like to see the Council's target fund balance in the Capital Improvement Fund of 500,000 dollars and create some sort of systematic funding for Capital Improvements on an ongoing basis.

LaRussa asked administration about other reasons or considerations in our bond rating assessment. Weber and Murphy enumerated the current rating considerations. They agreed that Farmington is in a relatively strong position on the variables. He inquired about limit status of other taxing authorities on the tax role for Farmington, and pointed out that 10 of 12 entities are currently levying the maximum allowed. As to ballot language, he questioned the strength of having the language combined. He discussed budget and timing concerns.

Taylor made no comment.

Schneemann appreciated that the community indicated at the forums that they want to invest in the City of Farmington and they seemed to realize that the City has been under some stringent austerity measures for many years and can only go so far before facing reality. Council heard

that people enjoy the level of service that we have here in Farmington and that the community is willing to participate in making sure that high level of services continues. He believes that the modest mil increase should be put to the voters, waiting for the increase until next year, rather than the Council implementing the increase they can implement without a public vote. He indicated that there should be further discussion about how a millage increase should be split up.

Move to Hold Public Hearing on Monday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m. Regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget and Property Tax Rates as Presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4-1]
MOVER:	Galvin, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Bowman, Galvin, Schneemann, Taylor
NAYS:	LaRussa
ROLL CALL:	Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor

6. Consideration to Approve the City of Farmington Investment Policy Addendum

Weber presented the addendum to the investment policy.

Move to approve the City of Farmington Investment Policy Addendum (Addendum) as presented and authorize the City Treasurer to invest surplus funds with any/all of the institutions included on the Addendum. [SEE ATTACHED ADDENDUM]

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

7. Consideration to Approve Quotes for the Restoration and/or Repair of 11 Water Mains and the Oakwood Cemetery East Driveway

Eudy presented the reasons for the need to do restoration pertaining to water main breaks that occurred over the winter. Schneemann requested that someone from Public Services make sure the contractor is conducting their work so as to minimize disruptions and maximize communications to any affected residents.

Move to approve quotes from Surface Sealing of Milford, Michigan in the amount of \$42,200 to replace the asphalt where 11 water main break repairs were conducted and repair of the asphalt of the Oakwood Cemetery east driveway.

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

8. Consideration to Adopt an Ordinance Establishing a Joint Commission on Community Health with the City of Farmington Hills

Murphy presented a second reading of an ordinance to establish a joint commission on Community Health.

Move to adopt Ordinance C-787 2018, establishing a Joint Commission on Community Health with the City of Farmington Hills. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE]

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

9. Evaluate the Possibility of Video Recording the First City Council Meetings of the Month

Murphy indicated that this was brought to the recent goal setting session by Taylor. Schneemann asked Taylor to expound on her request before opening up to Council for comment. Taylor spoke to the need to record discussions that lead up to decisions made by Council and called for improved general transparency. Galvin does not see anything wrong with the current format, and recounted past reasons to not record the first meeting of the month. He doesn't think the method presently used is broken and states that all council meetings are transparent and in compliance with state law. He likes seeing members of the community attend Council meetings, and stated that there is often less community attendance at televised meetings.

Bowman states that table conversation is different than dais conversation, and considers the first meeting of the month as less formal. Schneemann feels that Council gets more done in the less formal setting of the meetings at the first of the month. He is concerned with it slowing down the pace of Council, as Council members may pander to the camera. Taylor followed up by discussing a livestream from conference room, rather than usual set up in chambers. Schneemann stated that providing a recording or not providing one does not mean there is a lack of transparency. Galvin suggested that this might be a time to send a resolution to our legislature about current laws addressing technology for communicating with the community. He stated that perhaps this has to be taken up at the legislative level. LaRussa wants metrics from current broadcasts. He cited mobility challenges for our residents and would like to see higher engagement with the community.

Murphy indicated that community media metrics was the next topic to be addressed from the goal setting session.

10. Consideration to Approve a Community Partner Playground Agreement for New Play Equipment in Flanders Park

Murphy passed the opening statement to LaRussa, who summarized the request for the community designed and community built play area. Galvin questioned why a councilperson was going for grants rather than city administration. He thinks it's a good idea, but why only one park? Where are funds coming from? Galvin asked for request to be tabled to allow for more time to process and request the needed community engagement.

LaRussa spoke to the design of the community workshop involvement already built into the program and the timeline. Bowman requested clarity about the rush to build. Taylor asked about timing of payment and how the plan matches with the Parks Masterplan. Schneemann asked about whether Eudy had a chance to look at the contract, and whether the Public Services Department had the resources to assist the project. He asked about soil boring and the need to clear the area and what those costs would be for the city. He also inquired about the rush to decision.

LaRussa spoke to the timeliness of the city's application. He also revealed that the deadline for this approval is June 5, 2018. Saarela was asked about the contract. Galvin wants to do the project, but is uncomfortable with the speed of the decision. He wants more time to look over contract and information on Kaboom. Weber spoke to the timing constraints, as we understand them.

Galvin expressed concerns about DPW resource and wants a partner to share the community portion of the fund. He wants to be able to look over the legal language. Bowman is struggling with the lack of time between now and the proposed build.

Schneemann wanted to know what our potential costs might be, and asked Eudy to make some assumptions and assess a real cost. Taylor brought up the idea that the City could back out after approving this motion. Saarela indicated that we could withdraw before payment.

Discussion ensued about the opportunity and the need for more information provided to Council before the decision is made.

Schneemann tasked Eudy with pulling together, in conjunction with legal consultations, an estimate for what the true costs may be, including upkeep. Galvin tasked Murphy with approaching the public schools to share costs, and asked LaRussa if a community association could be formed to assist. Murphy asked Council to get questions to him as soon as possible.

11. Other Business

Murphy asked if the Emergency Preparedness Committee should have a regular monthly agenda item for their tips of the month. Taylor is concerned with playing favorites. Schneemann, Bowman and LaRussa see it as a community service. There was no consensus on the topic.

12. Council Comment

Galvin thanked LaRussa for bringing the Kaboom opportunity to the City, but thinks Council should step back and let the staff do the work they need to do.

Taylor commented that she would like to have public comment at the end of council meetings.

LaRussa introduced thank you notes from his children for allowing them to carry the Council banner in the recent parade. He also thanked Council for being positive and he looks forward to bringing whatever information is required to move forward on the park. He requested council submit questions to city administration for future considerations and answers.

Taylor made a second comment, stating that her earlier support of the budget hearing notice be qualified by the fact that she was in favor of Council doing an internal raise and putting the other question on the ballot.

13. Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Galvin, Councilmember
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Steve Schneemann, Mayor

Mary Mullison, Deputy City Clerk

Approval Date: June 18, 2018

City of Farmington Investment Policy Addendum

List of Approved Financial Institutions

Banks

Chemical Bank
CIBC Bank USA
Comerica Bank
Crestmark Bank
Fifth Third Bank
Flagstar
Horizon Bank
Huntington National Bank
Independent Bank
JP Morgan Chase
Level One Bank
mBank
Mercantile Bank
TCF Bank

Other Financial Institutions

Oakland County Local Government Investment Pool
Michigan CLASS Investment Pool
Comerica Investment Pool

STATE OF MICHIGAN

COUNTY OF OAKLAND

CITY OF FARMINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. C-787-2018

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF FARMINGTON CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE IV, "BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS," IN ORDER TO CREATE A NEW DIVISION 4, "COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY HEALTH," TO ESTABLISH A NEW JOINT COMMISSION WITH THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON ORDAINS:

PART I. That Chapter 2, "Administration," Article IV, "Boards and Commission," of the City of Farmington Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add a new Division 4 to read as follows:

Sec. 2-265. - Establishment; purposes.

There is established in cooperation with the City of Farmington Hills a Commission on Community Health having the purposes of supporting and encouraging an environment where residents have access to quality health services and wellness programs, and to the information, education, and resources necessary to promote physical and mental health and wellbeing. The Commission's purpose is to achieve a community-wide collaboration and partnership of organizations and individuals to work together to identify and develop new and innovative programs, utilize existing programs, and locate and capture funding to assist in building a healthier community. The Commission on Community Health may also be referred to as the "Community Health Commission."

Sec. 2-266. – Authority, purposes and duties.

The Commission on Community Health is charged with the authority and responsibility of making recommendations to the cities concerning community health matters and the appropriate means by which public and private agencies, in cooperation with community volunteers and health care professionals, may increase public awareness and utilization of new and available programs and resources to improve the overall health and wellness of the community and motivate individuals to make healthy behavioral changes. The Commission may establish and make available information dissemination programs to provide information and answer questions about public health and wellness issues and the local programs available to respond to health-related concerns. It may engage in multisector collaborations with residents, community stakeholders, healthcare professionals and others to identify and implement innovative approaches, promote existing programs, and explore funding opportunities to encourage improvements in health and quality of life throughout the community. It may also promote and encourage the implementation and utilization of any program consistent with the purpose for which the commission is established including, but not limited to, the F2H Fit Challenge and Farmington SAFE programs.

Sec. 2-267. - Members; appointment.

The Commission shall consist of eleven (11) regular members and two (2) alternate members, who shall represent, insofar as possible, the general citizens of the city, the students of the Farmington area schools, the clergy, the school districts, local businesses, medical professions, hospitals, community organizations, and local and regional volunteer agencies. Nine (9) regular members and one (1) alternate member shall be appointed by the City of Farmington Hills. Two (2) regular members and one (1) alternate member shall be appointed by the City of Farmington.

Part II Severability

Should any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance.

Part III Savings

This amendatory ordinance shall not affect violations of the zoning ordinance or any other ordinance existing prior to the effective date of this ordinance and such violation shall be governed and shall continue to be separately punishable to the full extent of the law under the provisions of such ordinance at the time the violation was committed.

Part IV Effective Date: Publication.

This amendatory ordinance shall be effective 10 days after adoption by the City Council and after publication as provided by the Charter of the City of Farmington.

Ayes:
Nays:
Abstentions:
Absent:

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss.
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, the undersigned, the qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, do certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Farmington at a meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 2018, the original of which is on file in my office.

SUSAN K. HALBERSTADT, City Clerk
City of Farmington

Adopted:
Published:
Effective: