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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on September 19, 2016, in 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 William Galvin.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Councilmember	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  
City Clerk Halberstadt  
City Manager Murphy  
Attorney Schultz

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Elizabeth Turton, Parking Advisory Committee Chair, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

**4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Farmington Monthly Payments Report - August 2016
- B. Public Safety Monthly Report - August 2016

C. Consideration to Approve 2016 Halloween Fun Fest

D. Minutes

1. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Jul 18, 2016 6:00 PM
2. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Aug 15, 2016 6:00 PM
3. Minutes of the City Council - Regular - Aug 15, 2016 7:00 PM
4. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Sep 6, 2016 6:30 PM
5. Minutes of the City Council - Study Session - Sep 6, 2016 7:00 PM

## 5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

**Move to approve the agenda as amended, adding "City Attorney Confidential Correspondence" to the Closed Session.**

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

## 6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

### A. Parking Advisory Committee feedback on city parking map

Present: Elizabeth Turton, Chair of Parking Advisory Committee

Turton discussed recommendations for proposed changes to downtown parking.

Responding to a question from Schneemann, Turton stated the Advisory Committee did not discuss related costs to the proposed changes.

Responding to an additional question from Schneemann, Director Demers confirmed that State Street is a designated fire route and only parking on the north side would be allowable.

Responding to a question from Bowman, Director Demers stated the proposed changes would result in 20-25 additional parking spaces.

Discussion followed regarding possible opportunities to convert private lots to public lots in the downtown. Turton noted discussions were held with the Salem Church regarding use of their lot, but it was cost prohibitive.

Scott thanked the Parking Committee for their efforts in addressing parking in the downtown.

Galvin thanked Turton for her role as chairperson of the committee. He noted the committee is creating parking at minimal or no cost. He stated prior to the committee, no one was focused on addressing the parking needs of the downtown. He asked if the committee is doing anything to cultivate relationships with private lot owners.

Turton advised the committee has reached out to two private lot owners with only one being receptive to the idea.

Galvin asked if the committee had considered making Oakland Street one-way between Grand River and Farmington.

Turton responded the committee had discussed this possibility at length, but the road is not wide enough to allow for parking without the elimination of the sidewalk.

Galvin suggested City Administration consider adding parking to the south side rather than the north side of Thomas Street. He discussed the ongoing challenges of the north lot.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business was heard.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Discuss Proposed Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance**

Present: Greg Myer, Public Affairs Area Manager, Consumers Energy

Greg Myer was present to respond to questions from Council concerning the proposed franchise ordinance with Consumers Energy.

Schultz advised the ordinance is continuing the relationship between Farmington and Consumers Energy.

**Move to adopt Ordinance No. C-781-2016 granting to Consumers Energy Company, its successors and assigns, the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges, waterways, and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the City of Farmington for a period of thirty (30) years. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE].**

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

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

**B. Consideration to Approve Renewal Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Michigan Bell Telephone Company D/B/A AT&T Michigan (AT&T)**

City Administration recommended approval of the Renewal Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with AT&T.

Schultz advised Attorney Dovre reviewed the proposed agreement with AT&T and offered no objection.

Schneemann noted earlier in the year a resident appeared before Council regarding the heavy use of an alleyway off of Oakland Street by AT&T. He asked if there was any provision in the agreement that speaks to their usage of the City's rights-of-way or financial assistance in maintaining the alleyway.

Schultz responded the alleyway is a public area that can be used by AT&T. Further, the city receives the 5% franchise fee that covers any related expenses.

Schneemann suggested using some of the franchise fee to fix the alleyway.

**Move to adopt a resolution approving renewal of a Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement with Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Michigan. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].**

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

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

**C. Consideration to Upgrade Building Security in City Hall and Public Safety**

Demers reviewed a proposal to upgrade building security in City Hall and Public Safety.

Discussion followed regarding management of the project, additional training required for video surveillance, placement of panic buttons, and disposition of payment.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Demers advised the security upgrades would be transparent with no barriers to the public.

Responding to a further question from Galvin, Murphy advised the city is still seeking bids for installation of a gate at the Economic Development counter.

**Move to approve a proposal submitted by Advanced Satellite Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$58,897.24 for the installation of surveillance cameras, panic alarms and door proximity access controls for Farmington City Hall and Public Safety buildings.**

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

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

#### **E. Consideration to Authorize the Purchase of Eight (8) Patrol Rifles**

Demers reviewed a request to purchase eight patrol rifles as part of the rifle purchase program.

Discussion followed regarding how rifles are selected, nearly unanimous participation by officers in the program, storage of rifles, and the cost efficiency of the program.

**Move to authorize the purchase of eight (8) patrol rifles from Michigan Police Equipment in the amount of \$11,502.00.**

<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

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

**G. Consideration to Formally Support Grand River Road Diet as Proposed by MDOT**

Christiansen discussed provisions of a resolution that supports the completion of the overall Grand River Road Diet. He provided a Powerpoint presentation on what the proposed re-striping will look like.

Responding to a question from Scott, Christiansen stated the bike lane was designated on the north side of Grand River due to the topography of the road.

Scott advised bike lanes cannot be on both sides of Grand River due to the narrowness of the lanes.

Responding to a question from Bowman, Christiansen stated the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will provide standard signage; and that crosswalks will be designated through striping and signage.

Christiansen confirmed there will be no cost to the city given that this is an MDOT project.

Bowman noted the bike lane is short, but should be appreciated as part of the bigger picture.

Schneemann thanked Christiansen for all his efforts in working with MDOT to ensure the restriping will take place as part of the Grand River resurfacing project. He is very excited to see this happen.

Discussion followed regarding the issue of truck traffic and how it can be addressed.

Demers advised that Grand River is a state trunk line so the city is limited in how traffic can be restricted. He offered to reach out to MDOT to determine the city's options.

Discussion followed regarding stimulation of economic development on the south side of Grand River as a result of this proposed road diet.

Scott advised this road diet is significant in that MDOT is not used to giving up road. He stated the city is hoping to stretch the bike lane and road diet out further, but development must happen one segment at a time. He stated this is only Phase One and is hoping for more phases in the future.

Schneemann stated the city deserves credit for pushing MDOT to consent to this road diet. He inquired regarding the speeds entering the city from the west. He stated it is his understanding that we can't change the speeds during the project, but once it is completed proposed changes can be submitted to MDOT.

Christiansen advised that because we are not changing the width of the road or traffic volume or capacity, there is no basis for changing speed limits. He stated

as the road diet is implemented there may be a basis for changing the speeds. He reiterated that a change has to occur in order to change speeds.

Demers explained the reasons for the current speed limits on Grand River west of Farmington Road.

Schneemann commented for the record that the posted speeds need to change to support the area. He stated the 25 mph speed limit needs to be extended further west on Grand River. He stated the city likes to say we are walkable and this would be a critical step towards that goal.

**Move to adopt a resolution supporting the completion of the overall Grand River Road Diet as part of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) 2017 Grand River Resurfacing Project in the Spring/Summer of 2017. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].**

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

## 9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Christiansen discussed ongoing redevelopment projects in the city.

Demers stated security upgrades for city hall will take two weeks to complete. He noted Sharon Davis, a crossing guard for 26 years, will be stepping down due to illness.

Murphy discussed a number of events taking place in the city.

## 10. COUNCIL COMMENT

Cowley discussed a seminar he recently attended at the Michigan Municipal League (MML) conference regarding driverless cars. He stated the prediction is commercial driverless vehicles will be in place in 3-5 years; minimal infrastructure changes will be required; and less parking will be needed.

Schneemann also discussed the seminar on driverless cars as well as one on millennials in government. He stated driverless cars present a significant opportunity in that they would reduce distracted driving and they know how to obey traffic laws. He expressed concern regarding investing a huge amount of money in infrastructure in the downtown if driverless cars are the wave of the future. He noted the importance of attracting millennials to the downtown.

Bowman discussed the MML session on bike lanes presented by City of Livonia. She noted that she recently worked at the Farmers Market information booth where a question board was started asking "Where did you park?" They discovered that the

city has a lot of parking that is underutilized. She suggested installing better directional signage for parking.

Scott discussed the MML session on the November ballot proposal for a 1.2 mil increase supporting the Regional Transportation Authority. He discussed the importance of having a Regional Transportation Authority that would be an umbrella organization over all of public transportation in the tri-county area.

Galvin discussed the MML session on how financing for municipalities is broken. He discussed the declines in revenue from property taxes and state revenue sharing. He pointed out that the State of Michigan has had the least revenue growth than any other state. He stated revenue of the city does not track with the economy. The city has a fixed number of financial tools that continue to show a decrease in net revenue, yet we continue to provide the same level of services. He advised municipalities must build their way out of the fiscal spiral. He stated the State of Michigan continues to develop a budget on the backs of local governments.

## 11. CLOSED SESSION - LAND ACQUISITION

### 1. Move to enter closed session to discuss land acquisitions and City Attorney confidential correspondence.

Galvin left the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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

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

Council entered closed session at 9:25 p.m.

### 2. Move to exit closed session.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sara Bowman, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Sara Bowman, Greg Cowley, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
<b>ABSENT:</b>	William Galvin

Council exited closed session at 10:25 p.m.



**12. CONSIDER EXTENSION OF DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD FOR COURTHOUSE PROPERTY**

1. Move to approve an additional 60 days for the purchaser to conduct due diligence and authorize City Administration and City Attorney to draft an agreement accordingly ; contingent upon the purchaser submitting a Planned Unit Development Agreement and payment by end of the business day on September 20, 2016.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sara Bowman, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Sara Bowman, Greg Cowley, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
<b>ABSENT:</b>	William Galvin

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

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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William E. Galvin, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: October 17, 2016