



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, June 17, 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 June 17, 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 Saarela
City Treasurer Weber

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vivian Zhong, Miss Oakland County, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Reynolds, 23634 Longacre, Emergency Preparedness Commission, delivered the June Tip of the Month.

William Miller, 31621 Lamar, District 14 County Commissioner, presented an update from the Oakland County Commission.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Accept Minutes for City Boards and Commissions**
- B. Approve City Council Minutes**
 - a. 05-20-19 Special DRAFT
 - b. 05-20-19 Regular DRAFT
 - c. 05-30-19 Special DRAFT
 - d. 06-03-19 Regular DRAFT
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report**
- D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report**
- E. Consideration to approve the City Manager to authorize and accept Cost Participation Agreement for the 2019 Oakland County Grant for the Local Road Improvement Matching Fund Pilot Program**
- F. Consideration to Accept and File the Financial Reports for the City of Farmington Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the TCF Project**
- G. Library Board Resignation**

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, 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. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Miss Oakland County

Vivian Zhong introduced several contestants for Miss Oakland County 2020 and highlighted various programs and activities offered through the program.

B. Spirit of Main Street Micro Business Grant from Genisys Credit Union

Kate Knight, Executive Director of the Farmington Downtown Authority, announced a Main Street Micro Business Grant of \$1750 from Genisys Credit Union to Blue Hat Coffee, specifically for patio and outdoor seating additions.

C. Special Event Application: VegMichigan Free Festival, Tom Progar

Tom Progar described a proposed VegFest event and asked for Council's approval. Bowman asked how many people this event might draw to Farmington, and Progar replied that he estimated 2000 visitors. Bowman suggested that he investigate parking alternatives. LaRussa stated his appreciation for Progar's effort in bringing this event to Farmington.

Move to approve the Special Event Application allowing VegMichigan Free Festival to be held on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 10:30 am until 5 pm in Riley Park and the Sundquist Pavilion.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

D. Public Hearing – Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget and Millage Rates

City Manager Murphy presented a summary of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget and Millage Rates.

Move to open a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed FY 2019-20 budget and millage rates.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Councilmember

Schneemann asked for comments from Council.

Galvin commented that often these changes are not readily visible, and asked about the General Fund Balance as presented and how it could be brought up to the target of ending at 25% or above. City Treasurer Weber answered that with conservative budgeting, it might take five years to raise it to that level. Galvin said that he appreciated finally seeing money in the capital improvement fund. He thanked Department Heads for all their work.

LaRussa asked Weber about what was driving the difference between water and sewer rates for Farmington and those provided by GLWA. Weber explained that extra money for capital projects will allow water and sewer projects to be addressed at the same time as road projects, saving the City money.

Schneemann thanked city administration, particularly the City Manager and the City Treasurer, for their excellent work. He noted that Farmington's bond rating was boosted to a AA+ rating from Standard and Poors because of excellent fiscal management.

Hearing no public comment, Schneemann asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Move to close the public hearing.

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to accept Change Order No. 2 & Construction Estimate No. 3 for the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation

Superintendent Eudy summarized the need for a change order and new estimate for roads maintenance.

Move to approve Change Order No. 2 & Construction Estimate No. 3 for the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation in the amount of \$283,510.51 to Hartwell Cement Company located at 21650 Fern Avenue, Oak Park MI 48237.**

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

B. Second reading and consideration to approve reducing the number of Historical Commission Board members from 9 to 7

Murphy said nothing has changed from the first reading presented at the last Council meeting.

Schneemann commented that, as a resident of the historic district and as a member of the DDA, he would love to see an increased energy from people in the community for both the Mansion and the Historical Commission along with pride in our heritage..

Move to approve an ordinance to amend the City of Farmington Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17: Historical Preservation, Article II, Historical Districts, Section 17-28, Historical Commission, to reduce the number of members of the Historical Commission from 9 to 7.**

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

C. Consideration to adopt Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget and establish millage rates

Murphy shared a new document with a change on the major street fund, correcting the expenditure to \$2,522,414. Galvin thanked Weber for correcting the document, and LaRussa asked about unlevied capacity available.

Move to adopt resolution regarding Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget and Millage Rates.**

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

D. Consideration to adopt Downtown Development Authority’s Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget and establish 2019 Principal Shopping District Special Assessment

Knight presented a request for approval of the DDA 2019-20 budget. LaRussa asked about items of interest and projected fund balance for 2021. Knight replied that by using a conservative approach and identifying projects that are worthy and doable, the fund balance can be spent down. The projected five year range actively focuses on partnerships, the debt calendar, when payouts end, and more debt commitments.

Move to approve resolution to adopt the DDA Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget and establish 2019 Principal Shopping District Special Assessment.**

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

E. Consideration to adopt Fiscal Year 2019-20 47th District Court, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Corridor Improvement Authority and Joint Agency Budgets

Move to adopt Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Resolution for the 47th District Court, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Corridor Improvement Authority and joint agency budgets.**

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

F. Consideration to amend Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget

Move to adopt resolution amending Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget.**

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

G. Consideration to amend Fiscal Year 2018-19 DDA Budget

Move to amend Fiscal Year 2018-19 DDA Budget to increase overall appropriation by \$277,779.**

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

H. Consideration to adopt resolution to amend Residential Refuse/Recycling User Charge

Move to adopt resolution to amend Residential Refuse/Recycling User Charge effective July 1, 2019.**

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

I. Consideration to adopt resolution to amend Water and Sewer Rates, effective July 1, 2019

Move to adopt a resolution amending Chapter 11 of the City Fee Schedule, as presented, which amends the water and sewer rates, effective July 1, 2019.**

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

J. Consideration to amend Employee Administrative Manual and Non-union Pay Plan

Move to adopt resolution amending employee administrative manual and non-union pay plan, effective July 1, 2019.**

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

K. Consideration to amend Budget Policies

Murphy explained proposed amendments to current budget policy. Bowman commented that it was great to see goals and she appreciates that this amendment spells out very clearly what the City wants to achieve. LaRussa expressed a counterpoint to Bowman’s comment by citing discussion during millage prep about being nimble and preserving flexibility. Discussion ensued about stretch goals and fund balance forecasts. LaRussa requested further data before making a decision. Schneemann pointed out that the suggested policy change encompassed yearly fund balance goals.

Move to amend the City’s budget policies, effective July 1, 2019.**

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

L. Consideration to approve renewal of City Assessing Services Agreement with Oakland County Equalization Division

Move to approve 2019-2022 contract with the Oakland County Equalization Division to provide City Assessing Services for both real and personal property and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.**

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

8. DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Director Demers commented that automobile larceny activity has risen in Farmington and surrounding communities and he reminded residents to lock doors and vehicles.

Treasurer Weber announced that water and sewer bills would be going out soon.

Director Christiansen reported that the City Master Plan 2019 has been posted to the City website and was being distributed. Taylor asked about estimates on progress of development of several properties and Christiansen responded.

Clerk Mullison publicized a mailing to all registered voters in the city about the availability of a new Automatic Application list.

City Manager Murphy inquired whether Council would like to visit the courthouse and view a presentation by Court Administrator Dave Walsh. Murphy also thanked City Department Heads for all their work on the budget, especially Weber and City Controller Norgard.

9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Bowman commented about how many community events are being supported by health and fitness organizations. She recently joined Beaumont Healthy Living Coalition and she itemized many different events and opportunities for residents to improve their fitness around Farmington.

Galvin announced his recent Flag Day ceremony attendance at the Groves-Walker American Legion Post 346. He commented that it was an overlooked holiday and patriotic event and he reminded residents about an American Legion program to retire used, torn, worn out flags utilizing a depository box on premises.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Steven Schneemann, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: July 15, 2017

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