



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, September 17, 2018
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 17, 2018, 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 7:03 PM 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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Reynolds, 23634 Longacre Street, informed Council about current activities and information from the EPC (Emergency Preparedness Commission).

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- A. City Board & Commission Minutes**
- B. City Council Meeting Minutes**
 - Special – August 20, 2018**
 - Regular – August 20, 2018**
 - Regular – September 4, 2018**
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report**
- D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report**

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as amended, removing Items 6H and 6I and moving all else up in a corresponding fashion, adding two items in New Business: Consideration to approve Goretski to perform road maintenance work and amending the Fiscal Year Budget for said project.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to amend the DDA 2018/19 fiscal-year budget

Downtown Development Authority Director Kate Knight explained the requested amendment to the 2018/19 fiscal year budget for communications and staff. She highlighted how unspent funding fell back into fund balance for the current year. Unspent monies for communications will be reallocated towards professional services in Metromode, including community engagement and a pop-up newsroom. Knight also indicated that the employment of Lydia Macklin-Camel, current seasonal events coordinator, would be extended as an additional staffing resource.

Galvin clarified that the fund balance was coming from the DDA fund and not the City. Knight explained that the DDA has been planning for this change for quite some time.

LaRussa asked how this fell back into fund balance. Knight explained that glossy publications are not cost effective and that social media has been very effective for the DDA. She indicated that there is excitement about the content that they are creating and about Metromode, the vendor they are now using. This idea came to them from their Mainstreet Oakland County Technical Assistance visit.

Taylor asked about how long the contract with Issue Media Group would last. Knight indicated that they would be imbedding journalists with the DDA and that it was for an initial 120 days. This could be an annual partnership.

Bowman again pointed out that the fund balance indicated was the DDA fund and commended Knight about the great use the DDA is making of resources that are available.

Move to adopt resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2018-19 DDA Budget to increase total expenditures by \$57,600 for Communications and Staff. **

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

B. Consideration to ratify payment for installation of an Emergency Power Electrical Transfer Switch at the Nine Mile Booster Station

Superintendent Eudy summarized the water booster station funding and the value of the installation of an emergency transfer switch.

Move to ratify payment to Oakland County Treasurer for installation of a manual switching Emergency Power Electrical Transfer Switch at the Nine Mile Booster Station, in the amount of \$26,046.63.

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

C. Consideration to approve change order and construction estimate for the Farmington DPW wall repair & roof replacement project

Superintendent Eudy described the need for change orders No. 4 and No. 5.

Bowman inquired about other walls at the 9 Mile DPW building and asked whether there are areas that might fail. Eudy said that several other walls have been inspected and addressed.

LaRussa inquired about Eudy’s reference to a Change Order No. 5, and Eudy asked that that be included in the motion.

Schneemann asked for definition on I-90 wind designation as specified for a part in the change order.

Move to approve Change Order No. 4, Change Order No. 5, and Construction Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$51,975.00 to R. Graham Construction, located at 30966 Grand River Avenue, Farmington MI 48336 for the Farmington DPW Wall Repair & Roof Replacement Project.

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

D. Consideration to accept bids and award project for 2018 Shiawassee Streambank Stabilization

Superintendent Eudy described the necessity for streambank stabilization.

Galvin asked why the pricing differential in the bids was so substantial. Eudy felt that it was dependent on the availability or unavailability of contractors, not the quality of the work that would be completed. When asked about the disruption of traffic or park activities during the stabilization, Eudy stated that the work would not impede traffic and said that he had already set up a meeting with residents in the area.

LaRussa asked whether Eudy wanted to add the contingency amount to the budget that was recommended by OHM, and Eudy replied in the affirmative.

Move to accept bids and to award the contract to Macomb Pipeline & Utilities Co. of Sterling Heights, MI. in the amount of \$154,090.00 for the 2018 Shiawassee Streambank Stabilization.

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

E. Consideration to amend Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget for Shiawassee Streambank Stabilization Project

City Treasurer Weber spoke about why a budget amendment is necessary.

LaRussa questioned the basis for the already budgeted item being lower than the actual cost. Eudy explained that the estimate was based on a similar project completed three years ago.

Schneemann asked whether this amendment included the contingency spending. Weber said that it was.

Discussion ensued about the contingency vs engineering costs and whether a change order would be needed in future.

Schneemann commented that he felt that a total amount of the amendment should be in the actual motion to the budget amendment. More discussion occurred about procedure for a future change order.

Move to adopt resolution amending Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget in the amount of \$80,000.

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

F. Consideration to approve payment for the Farmington Ground Storage Reservoir (Water Tank) Restoration Project

Superintendent Eudy recapped the Reservoir Restoration Project and the budget allocated for it.

Galvin commented that under budget was good and asked what the benefit to citizens was for this project. Eudy enumerated all the reasons that it was necessary to do: it would extend the life of the water tank, it had been twenty years since it has last been serviced, and it tested our system while it was down during peak periods. Galvin mentioned that most residents do not even know we even have a water tank.

Move to approve final payment to Oakland County Treasurer's office in the amount of \$170,586.09 for the Farmington Ground Storage Reservoir Restoration Project conducted by Oakland County Water Resource Commission (OCWRC).

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

G. Consideration to adopt ordinance amending the Farmington City Code of Ordinances Section 31-60; Increase Fines for Repeat Parking Offenders

Director Demers introduced the second reading to amend an ordinance increasing fines for repeat parking offenders. He noted that an adjustment had been made to include language about the increased fine not applying if a period of five years had elapsed between violations.

Bowman thanked Director Demers for including a five year window to the increased fines, and commented that five years was more than sufficient.

Taylor also appreciated the addition and stated that she believes this will help to change behavior.

Galvin reminded Council about the slow and methodical process the Parking Committee took in getting to this point.

Move to adopt an ordinance amending the Farmington City Code of Ordinances, Section 31, "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Article II, "Motor Vehicles and Uniform Traffic Codes," Division 3, "Additional Regulations" to increase parking violation fees starting with the fourth violation. **

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

H. Consideration to accept bid and award the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation project

Superintendent Eudy described the project and asked that the contingency amount be added to the motion. This project would include Flanders Street, Lilac Street, and Chesley Street.

Bowman asked if the added contingency would be the same with the inclusion of the Chesley project. Eudy answered that it would.

Galvin made reference to a quiz that Superintendent Eudy gave Council years ago that made a point that the DPW knows every crack in the City. He indicated that he believed Chesley Street needs to be addressed.

Move to accept bids and award the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation project to Hartwell Cement Company of Oak Park, MI in the amount of: \$484,390.20 to include Chesley Road.

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

I. Consideration to amend Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget for Chesley Street Road Project

City Treasurer Weber explained the need for the budget amendment on the floor.

Galvin pointed out that this was coming from the Municipal and Local Street Funds.

Bowman and LaRussa questioned whether the contingency funds were included in the budget amendment.

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

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

J. Consideration to accept bids and award the Lilac Street water main improvements

Superintendent Eudy explained the need for Lilac Street Water Main Improvements.

LaRussa indicated that this would be a “two-fer” – water main and road improvement. He questioned Eudy’s explanation of timing, and was assured that adjustments would be made.

Galvin asked whether it was worthwhile to look at awarding this bid to a contractor that was just awarded an earlier bid. Parks indicated that he believed that Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc. would be a good contractor for the project and it might be questioned if the City went with another contractor. He suggested that it might be difficult to have one company trying to do two jobs at once.

Move to accept bids and award the Lilac Street Water Main Improvements to Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc. of Belleville, MI in the amount of \$117,230.00, and include a \$25,000.00 contingency budget for a total construction budget of \$142,230.00.

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

K. Consideration to amend Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget for Lilac Street Water Main Improvements

Treasurer Weber explained the need for the amendment.

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

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

L. Consideration to award Farmington Road and Grace Street Improvements

Eudy described what Smithfield construction costs were and how Grace Street was chosen for improvements.

Move to authorize Goretzki to perform road maintenance work on Farmington Road from Grand River to Oakland Street and maintenance on Grace Street on a contract unit price basis from the existing Smithfield Improvements contract.

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

M. Consideration to amend Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget for Farmington Road and Grace Street

Treasurer Weber explained the need for the amendment.

Move to adopt resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget for Farmington Road and Grace Street. **

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

7. DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Superintendent Eudy reported that they have filled one of the vacancies at the Department of Public Works and mentioned that city custodian is back after an injury. He was positive about getting back to 100% staffing in the near future.

Director Demers cited crime statistics that were down 10% for major crimes. He reminded residents to lock their car doors, as there have been several recent instances of theft from unlocked vehicles.

Christiansen opened the floor for questions from Council. LaRussa asked for a Maxfield update and was told that the developer requested some additional time before it comes back to the Planning Commission. Bowman asked about the progress of the gas station at Nine Mile and Farmington and was informed that work is ongoing. She noted the Paramount Healthcare at Grand River and Lakeway had a for sale sign on it. Christensen said that a plan for a medical building on the site had expired. Galvin asked about the old courthouse property and was

reminded about where we are in the process of developing that property. Taylor asked about the Worldwide Center request to cut trees.

Clerk Mullison commented that the department transition was going well and that a new part-time administrative assistant had been hired and had already begun. She explained that November election preparation was well underway and that the Clerk's Department would be providing an opportunity for voter registration during the September 29th Farmers Market at Riley Park. Galvin asked about acquiring an absentee ballot and LaRussa asked whether voter registrations for residents of other cities can be accepted at the Farmers Market. Mullison answered that all voter registrations submitted will be sent to the appropriate municipality for processing.

City Manager Murphy advised Council and residents about a public meeting with MDOT about construction on M5 that will provide a feedback opportunity for residents. Classes for employees about the Stop the Bleed program were recently held.

8. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

LaRussa discussed the amount of money in budget amendments this year so far and encouraged staff to be more accurate in their initial planning. He would like staff to let Council know how projects compare to where the city was for three months into prior years, get a forecast for this fiscal year so they can understand what they are getting themselves into, and he encouraged the administration to align our best practices as much as possible for a planning cycle.

Bowman discussed the vaping and e-cigarette ordinance amendment that was removed from the agenda for this meeting. She described what the ordinance amendment would do and why she felt it was important.

Taylor addressed the parking fine ordinance approved tonight, and compared the spaces freed up with private parking that is underused in Downtown Farmington. She would like to focus on getting our businesses to create a solution for utilizing private parking space for public use.

Galvin noted that this meeting was dominated with water and construction projects. He stated that this will be the theme for much of the next decade, and he spoke about the history of our infrastructure. He also mentioned the upcoming Harvest Moon Festival.

Schneemann welcomed Clerk Mullison to her first regular meeting and noted that she had hit the ground running.

9. CLOSED SESSION – UNION NEGOTIATIONS AND EMPLOYEE EVALUATION

Move to enter closed session to discuss Union negotiations and employee evaluation.

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

Council entered closed session at 8:31 p.m.

Move to exit closed session.

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

Council exited closed session at 10:29 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Steve Schneemann, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: October 15, 2018

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