



**Special City Council Meeting
7:00 PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015
Conference Room
Farmington City Hall
23600 Liberty St
Farmington, MI 48335**

FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on October 5, 2015, in Farmington City Hall, 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
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor	Present	
JoAnne McShane	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Jeff Scott	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Director Christiansen
City Clerk Halberstadt
City Manager Murphy
Attorney Schultz

2. BRIAN BELESKY - DIRECTION FOR CAMERA OPERATIONS

Brian Belesky was not present to discuss camera operations.

3. COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS

A. Consideration to Reappoint Members to the Friends of the Governor Warner Mansion Board of Directors

Motion to re-appoint Brian Golden, Kim Shay, Sue Halberstadt and Laura Myers to the Friends of the Governor Warner Mansion Board to staggered terms in accordance with their original appointments.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

4. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER AMENDMENT

A. Consideration to Approve Traffic Control Order: Grove Street Three Hour Time-Limited Parking

Motion to adopt a resolution to amend a traffic control order changing Grove Street two-hour time limited parking in the Grove Street municipal lot to three-hour time limited parking. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER: Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES: Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

5. COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO THE RECREATION MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

A. Council Appointment to the Recreation Master Plan Committee

Motion to appoint Jeff Scott as the City Council representative to the Farmington Recreation Master Plan Committee.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER: Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES: Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

7. COUNCIL COMMENT

McShane stated how much she liked the format and content of a recent City Newsletter.

Discussion followed regarding the increasing costs of water and sewer.

Galvin commented on recent misinformation posted on facebook regarding redevelopment in the downtown.

Galvin clarified that Council has not authorized anything in a closed session regarding a purchase agreement or appropriation of funds. Council has the right in closed session to deliberate regarding land acquisition and employee matters. He advised Council will enter open session if a vote needs to be taken as a result of closed session deliberation.

Galvin stated the City Attorney, City Manager and City Clerk do a wonderful job of assisting Council in navigating the provisions of the Open Meeting Act and ensuring Council remains compliant.

Galvin expressed concern that one of the members of the Historical Commission has made some serious claims against Council. He pointed out that once a message is posted on social media it is permanent and accessible to everyone.

Schneemann discussed his recent attendance at a Call to Action meeting. He shared statistics regarding the increase use of marijuana. He stated it has now overtaken alcohol

for people driving under the influence. He stated the use of heroin is up 280% in the last ten years. It was reported in Farmington Hills that there have been 12 deaths thus far in 2015 as a result of heroin overdose. He stated it is an epidemic and Farmington is not immune. He will meet with Director Demers to determine if steps can be taken by Council to address this issue.

8. CLOSED SESSION - PROPERTY ACQUISITION

1. Motion to enter closed session to discuss property acquisition.

Council entered closed session at 7:22 pm.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

2. Motion to exit closed session.

Council exited closed session at 8:25 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

3. Consider options to purchase as presented by City Attorney.

Regarding the possible acquisition of 2 parcels or real property under options to purchase, the specific properties involved, terms and conditions of which shall remain confidential until the City has unconditional binding options to purchase on each, move to approve the options to purchase presented by the city attorney and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the options on behalf of the City and submit those to the owners of the respective parcels, with this approval subject to and conditioned on the both owners signing the options to purchase.

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

9. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion To Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

William E. Galvin, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____