



Special/ City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, December 17, 2018
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on December 17, 2018, 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 6:00 p.m. 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

Director Demers – arrived at 6:36 pm
Superintendent Eudy
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Saarela

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS INTERVIEWS

a. Paul Bertin - Zoning Board of Appeals Reappointment Interview

Council asked questions of Mr. Bertin designed to highlight his experiences on the Zoning Board of Appeals, including issues that he felt the Council or Board could improve upon. He cited fence ordinances and setbacks and gave an overview of several recent requests for appeals. Council thanked him for his service to Farmington.

b. Joe Mantey - Parking Advisory Committee Reappointment Interview

Mr. Mantey was asked about what he thought Council could do to help the Parking Advisory Committee. He stated that a major interest he has as a member of the committee is walkability throughout the downtown. One suggestion he had was free parking on Mondays rather than Sundays because so many businesses are closed on Mondays. When asked what “the parking problem” is in Farmington, he cited both walkability and privately owned spaces.

Move to reappoint Paul Bertin to the Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending June 30, 2021.

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

Move to reappoint Joe Mantey to the Downtown Farmington Parking Committee for a term ending June 30, 2021.

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

5. DISCUSSION ON CROSSWALK ORDINANCE

City Attorney Saarela summarized changes in language that had been made since the first reading. She reported that she, Demers, Murphy, and Schneemann had gotten together to craft more specific language to indicate intent and make enforcement easier. Taylor asked how the new language could be installed on a sign, and Director Demers referred to signage available that could be like those used in Ann Arbor. Schneemann suggested adding the words “or at any point within the crosswalk”. LaRussa suggested including signs in neighborhoods and not just downtown. Responding to a question by Taylor, Demers stated that moving the ordinance change into Traffic Ordinances made it so that this ordinance would be inclusive of all crosswalks, marked or unmarked. Eudy was questioned about which crosswalks were presently unmarked. Discussion continued about enforcement, signage, and implementation.

6. DISCUSSION ON CRYPT LOT COSTS

Superintendent Eudy examined cemeteries in other cities that have crypts and compared their rates to those we are considering. He explained his reasoning behind this suggested fee schedule addition.

7. DISCUSSION ON PRIVATE EVENT AT RILEY PARK ICE RINK

City Manager Murphy spoke about his research on other nearby ice rink rental fees and rates.

8. COUNCIL COMMENT

No Council comment was heard.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Steven Schneemann, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: January 22, 2019