



Special City Council Meeting  
7:00 PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016  
Conference Room  
Farmington City Hall  
23600 Liberty St  
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

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## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on October 3, 2016, 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
Sara Bowman	Councilmember	Absent	
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 (left at 8:25 p.m.)  
Superintendent Eudy (left at 8:05 p.m.)  
City Clerk Halberstadt  
Assistant to the City Manager Knowles (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)  
City Manager Murphy  
Attorney Schultz  
Treasurer Weber

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Fritz Beirmeister, School Board candidate, introduced himself to Council and expressed a desire for the City and School Board to work more closely together.

Ken Chiara, 33630 Shiawasse, expressed concern regarding water rates that continue to rise. He encouraged Council to pass a proposed traffic ordinance that would allow on street parking on Shiawasse.

Chuck Eudy, Superintendent of Public Services, expressed concern regarding on street parking on Shiawasse. He discussed the many difficulties that would result if this were to occur.

### **4. CIVIC THEATER**

#### **A. Consideration to Approve Request for Civic HVAC Unit**

Present: Scott Freeman, Civic Theater General Manager

Freeman discussed the need for the installation of a new HVAC system and the choice of Quality Heating and Cooling as a result of the bidding process.

Scott expressed concern regarding Freeman's recommendation of a Bryant system.

Cowley suggested closing the alley when the unit is installed; he suggested leveraging the purchase of future units.

Discussion followed regarding approaching bidders for three additional units over the next three years thereby reducing costs.

Freeman will go back to all three bidders and attempt to lock in price for three years; he will return to Council at the next meeting.

### **5. TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS**

#### **A. Consideration to Amend Traffic Control Order - Shiawasse Between Grand River and Farmington Road**

Demers introduced proposed traffic order regarding Shiawasse Road on street parking.

Scott asked Demers regarding Eudy's concerns.

Demers stated for heavy snows his department would issue a snow emergency, eliminating parking on street, and temporary traffic control order during leaf pick-up.

Responding to a question from Cowley, Demers was not concerned about accommodating emergency vehicle traffic with the proposed change.

Responding to an additional question by Cowley, Demers stated if the costs outweigh the benefits the proposed change should be re-visited. He believes it is worth a shot.

Schneemann is interested in how many citations are issued each year on Shiawassee. Demers did not have data available, but noted this road is not a hotspot for speeders.

Schneemann clarified that the lanes would be 11' wide. He expressed support for the proposed change, but was concerned about garbage pick-up during rush hour. He suggested City Administration request that Waste Management does garbage pick-up during non-peak hours. He also discussed the difficulty of the proposed traffic order during leaf pick-up.

Galvin discussed the cost of striping and re-striping if it doesn't work out. He asked if the city is creating a new set of problems.

Scott expressed support for trying out the proposed changes.

Galvin would like this traffic order placed back on the agenda in March/April to reassess the benefits.

**Motion to adopt a resolution to amend Traffic Control Order regarding parking on Shiawassee and to approve a plan to re-stripe Shiawassee and add a parking lane. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].**

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

### **B. Consideration to Amend Traffic Control Order - No Overnight Parking in State Street Municipal Lot**

Demers introduced all three proposed traffic control orders.

Cowley advised Thomas Street might be an issue for future construction on Maxfield Training Center site.

Murphy responded that, if necessary, the order can be reversed when construction begins.

Schneemann would like to eliminate parking on Warner between Thomas and Grand River.

Murphy advised there is no parking on that street; he will make sure no parking signs are put back up.

Scott asked for clarification on the elimination of overnight parking on the south side of State Street.

Demers discussed businesses parking there overnight.

Scott expressed concern about someone leaving an establishment intoxicated and needing to move their car.

Demers emphasized that this order is also on a trial basis and can be revisited at a later time.

Cowley expressed support for placing a 24-hour limitation on parking rather than overnight.

Responding to a question by Galvin, Demers stated that 25-30 additional parking spaces will be created.

**Move to adopt a resolution to implement a maximum of 24-hour parking in the municipal lot south of State Street. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].**

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

**C. Consideration to Amend Traffic Control Order - Terminate Prohibited Parking on Mayfield Street, School Street and State Street**

**Move to adopt a resolution to terminate prohibited parking on Mayfield Street, School Street and State Street. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].**

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

**D. Amend Traffic Control Order - Thomas Street Parking Between Warner Street and School Street**

**Move to adopt a resolution to amend Traffic Control Order to terminate parking restrictions on the north side of Thomas Street between Warner and School Streets to allow for untimed parking in this area. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].**

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

**6. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT 2016 RECREATION MASTER PLAN**  
**A. Review and Consideration of 2016 Recreation Master Plan**

Christiansen presented the proposed 2016 Recreation Master Plan.

Galvin asked why Drake Park is a neighborhood rather than a community park.

Christiansen responded that the description is based on size and location.

Galvin questioned what the city is going to do with the Master Plan.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Christensen stated the next step is to forward the Master Plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. He advised the city would then be eligible for state grant-funding.

Scott pointed out the highest desire of community was nature trails and pathways.

**Move to approve a resolution to adopt the 2016-2020 City of Farmington Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the City of Farmington. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].**

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

## **7. CONSIDERATION OF DOWNTOWN AREA PLAN 2015 AMENDMENT**

### **A. Review and Consideration of Farmington Downtown Area Plan 2015 Amendment - Development Area E, East Grand River Area Plan**

Christiansen presented a proposed amendment to the 2015 Downtown Area Plan.

Schneemann questioned the limitation to one-story buildings on concept one. He asked why the city is trying to limit density in that area. He also questioned why the label "historical property" is being maintained.

Discussion followed regarding the merits of keeping the label of the property as historic.

Schneeman expressed support for removing the historic label on the property.

Christiansen suggested tabling the discussion and referring the amendment back to the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) and allow them to develop a 3<sup>rd</sup> option.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Knowles stated the plan provides a good transition from the downtown to the east end of Farmington and that is why it is included.

**Move to postpone City Council action on the proposed amendment to the Downtown Area Plan until the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority has had the opportunity to review proposed change by Council.**

**RESULT:** POSTPONED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Jeff Scott, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** Greg Cowley, Councilmember  
**AYES:** Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott  
**ABSENT:** Sara Bowman

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

## 9. COUNCIL COMMENT

Schneemann expressed concern regarding the proposal for the Maxfield Training Center. He would oppose the project in its current form. He is looking forward to seeing something different that has an urban concept.

## 10. CLOSED SESSION - LAND ACQUISITION

**Move to enter closed session to discuss land acquisition.**

**RESULT:** APPROVED [3 TO 1]  
**MOVER:** Greg Cowley, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem  
**AYES:** Greg Cowley, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott  
**NAYS:** William Galvin  
**ABSENT:** Sara Bowman

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

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

**Move to exit closed session.**

**RESULT:** APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Greg Cowley, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem  
**AYES:** Greg Cowley, William Galvin, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott  
**ABSENT:** Sara Bowman

Council exited closed session at 9:53 p.m.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**A. Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

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William E. Galvin, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: November 21, 2016