



City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, May 1, 2017
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on May 1, 2017, at 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 PM by Mayor Galvin.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Councilmember	Present	
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Jeff Scott	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

City Manager Murphy
 City Clerk Halberstadt
 Attorney Schultz

2. Approval of Agenda

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None

3. Public Comment

Dan Martin, 32181 Dohany, Farmington Hills, requested Council consideration on how the city administers water bill collection and shut-offs. He would like to know why the city cannot send out delinquent water or shut-off notices. As a landlord, he would like to be treated like a business; if he requests a shut-off notice on one of his properties it should be accommodated. He feels the water department should work in conjunction with property owners.

4. Downtown Parking Advisory Committee Interviews

Council interviewed John Perry, David Lipka and Geoffrey Perrot for a position on the Downtown Farmington Parking Advisory Committee.

Council took a 5 minute recess at 8:38 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor called for comments on candidates.

Schneemann inquired regarding open positions on other Boards and Commission for the two candidates that don't get appointed to the Parking Advisory Committee.

Halberstadt listed the following vacancies: Emergency Preparedness Committee, Historical Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals-alternate.

Schneemann pointed out Lipka lives in Historic District so might be a good fit for Historical Commission. He stated ZBA could be a good alternative for someone with young family.

Scott stated all were strong candidates, making it a difficult decision. He likes Perry's neutral approach and experience.

Cowley stated all candidates were strong. He pointed out there is a lot of pressure on this position. He stated the committee will be facing a number of issues. He has had a lot exposure to Perry and has seen him in action where he has been a leader. He was disappointed that candidates did not read Walker Study to understand there is a capacity problem. He expressed support for Perry.

Bowman was not ready to make any nominations this evening. She would like time to review her notes in depth before selecting a candidate. She is concerned that because Farmington is a small town, Council tends to go with what they know. She feels this is a unique opportunity to bring in fresh ideas. She wants to make sure Council chooses the candidate that is most qualified for the job and not because he could fill a position on another board.

Galvin stated all candidates were data driven, seemed to understand parking issues, and had a level of open-mindedness. He is concerned that Lipka lives close to downtown and may lose perspective on parking. He also expressed concern on how Lipka uses social media. He feels Perrot had some good ideas, but the parking committee may not be a good way to break into public service. He would like someone with more experience on the Parking Advisory Committee. He would like to find a way to engage Perrot and Lipka in other ways. He noted Perry is seasoned and he is impressed with his background in government affairs. He ranked the candidates in the following order: Perry, Perot, Lipka.

Schneemann stated Perry was an excellent candidate with good experience. He liked his construction background. He wants to make sure Lipka and Perrot are engaged in the community.

Cowley mentioned that he is having surgery on May 9th and expressed the importance of this issue. He would like the opportunity to vote on a candidate. He made a motion to nominate John Perry.

Bowman was not ready to make a decision, but believed Perry's point of view is similar to what we already have on the committee. She would like to see fresh, new ideas and believes the other candidates offer that.

Scott pointed out the reason a parking committee is needed is because the DDA would not address the issue. He believes there are short term issues that need to be addressed to attract development now. He feels Perry will make decisions based on data.

Move to appoint John Perry to the Downtown Farmington Parking Advisory Committee for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2020.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Councilmember Cowley
SECONDER:	Councilmember Scott
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott
NAYS:	Bowman
ABSENT:	None

5. Consideration to Extend Plante Moran's Contract with the City

Move to authorize a 2-year contract extension with Plante Moran to serve as city auditors for fiscal years 2017-19.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mayor Pro-Tem Schneemann
SECONDER:	Councilmember Cowley
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott
ABSENT:	None

Roll Call: Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott, Bowman

6. Consideration to Approve an Agreement for Election Equipment Software

Move to approve a Software License Agreement with Hart InterCivic, Inc. related to the acquisition of new voting equipment. [SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT].

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilmember Schneemann
SECONDER:	Councilmember Bowman
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott
ABSENT:	None

7. Other Business

Schultz advised that the homeowner of a house optioned by the city on Thomas Street would like to know if she can renew the lease with her current tenant.

Council would like to review the lease before a decision is made.

8. Council Comment

Cowley transferred his comment to Mark Johnson, 33607 Shiawasse. Mr. Johnson expressed his concern regarding a possible conflict of interest concerning the appointment of John Perry to the Parking Advisory Committee.

Schultz stated the Parking Advisory Committee functions as an advisory committee only, therefore there is no conflict of interest.

Cowley stated he has been waiting for a solution on parking issues for 15 years and he does not need new ideas. He wants decisions to be made now.

Bowman will fully support Perry on the committee.

9. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Bowman, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott
ABSENT:	None

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

William E. Galvin, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: May 15, 2017