



FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on April 15, 2013, in City Council Chambers, 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 7:02 PM by Mayor J.T. Buck.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
J.T. Buck	Mayor	Present	
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Kristin Kuiken	Councilmember	Present	
JoAnne McShane	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Superintendent Eudy
Director Christiansen
City Clerk Halberstadt
City Manager Pastue
Attorney Schultz
Director Schulz

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Paul LaCasse of Botsford Hospital.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Chiara, 33630 Shiawassee, asked about the opportunity for receiving recycling reward points in the Farmington Community.

Pastue responded there has been discussion regarding recycling incentive programs, however, no specific plans are currently in place.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER: Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
AYES: Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane

- A. Minutes of the City Council - Special Study Session - Mar 18, 2013 6:00 PM
- B. Minutes of the City Council - Regular - Mar 18, 2013 7:00 PM
- C. Minutes of the City Council - Special Study Session - Apr 1, 2013 7:00 PM
- D. Approve Farmington Monthly Payments Report, February 2013
- E. Approve Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report, March 2013
- F. Special Event Request - South Farmington Baseball League Parade
- G. Special Event Request - Poppy Days
- H. Special Event Request - Walk for Values
- I. Consideration of Resolution Recognizing F/FH Education Foundation
[SEE RESOLUTION NO. 04-13-013]

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as amended: add DPW Early Retirement Option as Item No. 8C and Consideration to Amend the Legal Description for Grove Street Special Assessment District as Item. No. 8D.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES: Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Memorial Day Parade - Rocky Raczkowski, Parade Chairman

Rocky Raczkowski, Memorial Day Parade Chairman, spoke about the upcoming Memorial Day Parade and requested Council approval of the event.

Move to approve the use of Grand River on Monday, May 27, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for conducting the Memorial Day parade; further, the City Council holds the State of Michigan Department of Transportation harmless from any liability that may result from the

closing of Grand River and authorize the Public Safety Department to file for the permit with MDOT for the closing of Grand River Avenue.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
SECONDER:	William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane

B. Botsford Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment - Dr. Paul LaCasse and Margo Gorchow

Dr. Paul LaCasse and Margo Gorchow, Vice President of Community Relations, were present to discuss the implementation of a Health Needs Assessment in the Farmington/Farmington Hills Community by Botsford Hospital. Dr. LaCasse advised this program is the result of requirements under the Affordable Healthcare Act. He stated a team and subsequent public survey will be put together in the near future.

Margo Gorchow discussed the detail of the Health Needs Assessment program and health trends in the community. She indicated the IRS has oversight of the program.

Discussion followed regarding the need to ensure the homebound, minority population, etc. participate in the survey.

Discussion continued regarding Medical Mainstreet and the opportunity it presents to increase technology and research in the community.

Gorchow advised the Health Needs Assessment Program would likely be implemented in 2014.

C. Special Event Request - Swinginfusion, LLC

Alexander Stewart, Manager for Swinginfusion, spoke about his special event request for weekly swing dancing at the Sundquist Pavilion that includes a waiver of the city noise ordinance. He would like to extend the hours of this event to 11:30 pm beginning at the end of the school year in June and running through the end of August. The City's noise ordinance would require the event to end at 11 pm. He noted a live band would be performing at the event on August 15th.

Responding to a question from Kuiken, Schulz advised that in the past there has been no noise issue related to this event.

Discussion followed regarding the time at which the Founders Festival events end. Janet Bloom, DDA Event Coordinator, confirmed events end at 11pm.

Schulz requested that the motion include that the event will receive ongoing review by the Public Safety Department to ensure the noise level and ending time are working.

Cowley expressed concern regarding the group size and security of the event.

Schulz noted this is a great group of young people and there have been no problems related to the event in the past.

Move to approve a special event request from Swinginfusion, LLC, to host swing dancing at the Sundquist Pavilion from Thursday, May 2 through October 31, 2013, 8:30 - 11:00pm; further the city waives the noise ordinance to allow operation to extend until 11:30pm from the end of the school year in June through the end of August; to allow a live band performance on August 15th; and request ongoing review by the Public Safety Department.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER:	William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane

D. Farmers Market

Walt Gajewski, Market Manager, was present to discuss the temporary relocation of the Farmers Market in terms of parking, traffic flow, readiness and what to expect during the market season.

Discussion followed regarding plans for wayfinding signs for the temporary market location.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was heard.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Farmington Public Safety Joining Oakland County Tactical Training Consortium (OakTac)

Pastue reviewed a request from the Department of Public Safety to join the Oakland County Tactical Training Consortium (Oaktac). He stated as a result of joining Oaktac the Public Safety Department would have a vote on areas that training will be conducted and tactics employed.

Kuiken asked regarding the benefits of joining Oaktac and how it will enhance training.

Schulz responded that due to grant funds obtained by Oakland County, benefits of Oaktac will include free access to equipment used to respond to civil disobedience, free training and consistent training among communities.

Responding to a question from McShane, Schulz confirmed there is no cost to join Oaktac.

Move to authorize the City Manager and Mayor to sign the Binder Agreement with the Oakland County Tactical Training Consortium. [SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT].

The votes were taken in the following order: Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane, Buck.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
SECONDER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
AYES:	Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane

B. Consideration to Amend Civic Theater General Manager Agreement

Pastue discussed the proposed changes to the Civic Theater General Manager Agreement.

Responding to a question from McShane, Pastue confirmed Freeman would stay with his current job, but may change to part-time. He further confirmed the General Manager position is at least a 40-hour-a-week job.

McShane asked if the proposed compensation package is competitive with other theater managers.

Pastue responded it is difficult to compare given the uniqueness of the position and theater. He confirmed the contract would be for two years.

McShane advised the Theater General Manager position should be included in an overall evaluation of City staff positions. She commented that Freeman has done a stellar job.

Galvin stated that the Civic Theater operates like a private business. He supports performance pay as long as the theater is profitable, but a pay review should occur if it becomes unprofitable. He also commented that Freeman does a great job.

Pastue confirmed if the theater became unprofitable the city would have to

adjust accordingly.

Kuiken confirmed with Pastue that with the proposed compensation plan Freeman's total compensation would remain virtually unchanged this year to next. He recognized that if someone new filled the position, the compensation package would need to be adjusted.

Responding to a question from Buck, Pastue confirmed the current theater ticket price is \$4.00.

Move to approve a resolution amending the compensation structure of the Civic Theater General Manger's service agreement. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION NO. 04-13-014].

The votes were taken in the following order: Galvin, Kuiken, McShane, Buck, Cowley.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
SECONDER:	William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane

C. Approve of DPW Early Retirement Option

Pastue advised that as part of the Department of Public Works reorganization from last October, one of the changes allowed for an early retirement option under specific eligibility requirements.

Move to approve a resolution authorizing an early retirement option for the Department of Public Works for the period April 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION NO. 04-13-015].

The votes were taken in the following order: McShane, Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken.

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

D. Consideration to Amend Legal Description for Grove Street Special Assessment district

Pastue advised that after the Special Assessment Roll for the Grove Street Project was approved it was noted the legal description associated with the Roll

was encompassing the entire parcel. He stated the request before Council is to amend the legal description of the Special Assessment Roll removing the portion of the parcel that will be sold to the City.

Move to amend the parcel legal description, PT. 23-27-156-005, associated with the Special Assessment Roll 2012-89, The Grove Street Improvement Project, as presented. [SEE ATTACHED PARCEL DESCRIPTION].

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
AYES:	Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Corridor Improvement Authority Update - Kevin Christiansen

Kevin Christiansen provided an update on the activities of the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority. He spoke about the eight development principles that will guide the CIA in planning and developing the corridor. He stated the goal is to finish the project phase, which includes establishment of the vision and regulatory process, by June 1st. He advised the next steps would be to develop a plan for the corridor and a TIF plan.

Pastue commented that the Winery will be part of the Mooney Street redevelopment.

Buck stated the CIA Board which is relatively new has generated some outstanding ideas.

McShane noted she recently attended an economic development meeting in Lansing that included a presentation on an older building in Grand Rapids that was similar to the Winery. She stated the building was repurposed with the help of Brownfield Redevelopment tax dollars and Federal tax credits. She noted the Winery could be redeveloped in the same way. She asked if there has been any thought given to designating an area of the City and giving it an identity such as East Town.

Christiansen spoke about the importance of branding and place making in the community. He pointed out the focus areas of the Grand River Corridor.

Kuiken asked about the opportunities that will engage the river corridor?

Christiansen responded the river corridor is a hidden gem that has not been inventoried or explored well enough in order to understand the existing conditions. He stated the river corridor could be its own focus area.

Galvin asked if it is a fair assessment that we are trying to expand the downtown.

Christiansen responded that expansion of the downtown has not been a part of any of their discussions. He stated the Grand River Corridor needs a breath of fresh. The development in that area is dated and fragmented with limited occupancy. He stated the intent is not to expand the downtown, but to create a uniqueness for the corridor.

Other Department Head Comments

Halberstadt spoke about the success of the reopening of the Mansion on April 7th and invited the public to attend the upcoming Fashion Show on May 1st.

Eudy stated his department is busy doing restoration work and is in the process of hiring temporary summer staff.

Schulz reminded everyone that April is the National Safe Digging Month. He advised that state law requires anyone digging in their yards to contact Miss Dig or call 811 in order to have utilities marked.

Christiansen advised redevelopment is moving forward in the city with the "kick-off" of the Grove Street Project and the start of the Los Tres Amigos renovations. He stated there is considerable interest in the downtown and he is receiving calls on a daily basis about redevelopment opportunities. He noted the Bright Side Dental location was recently approved by the Planning Commission.

Christiansen spoke about changes in the Farmington Crossroads Center that will include the addition of Ollies Bargain Outlet, True Value Hardware and outdoor seating at Peterlins Restaurant.

10. COUNCIL COMMENT

Cowley asked about the status of the Drakeshire Center.

Christiansen responded facade improvements have begun once again. He stated there have been ongoing discussions with prospective tenants as well as the owners in how they can market their center. He stated the Grand River Halsted Center is moving forward with redevelopment interest. He also stated there is interest and ongoing discussions regarding the courthouse.

McShane stated her recent attendance at the MML Conference included a session on Economic Development 101. She discussed some of the points emphasized in the class on stimulating growth in a community that included establishing a vision which she was thrilled Farmington is already doing. Other strategies included: ways to attract baby boomers and millennials, create cultural economic development and have a spectacular website. She noted two college presidents sit on the Adrian DDA Board which has proven to be very meaningful. She stated they recommended converting two-way streets into one-way streets.

McShane spoke about the upcoming joint meeting with Farmington Hills City Council and the Farmington School Board which she will be unable to attend. She expressed her hope that 2 issues would be addressed at the meeting. The first issue is why it is necessary to spend \$65,000 taxpayer dollars on a special election, held in August when many people are on vacation, for a one issue ballot. She pointed out there would be no cost to the schools if the issue is placed on the November ballot.

McShane stated the other concern is how Farmington Public Schools is addressing unused school properties of which three are in Farmington. She stated it is time to put these properties on the market where they can be sold, developed and generate tax dollars. She stated by not doing this they are stifling economic development.

McShane asked Director Schulz about a new feature that adds texting to 911.

Schulz responded texting 911 will be a reality probably within a year. He advised current equipment is now being evaluated to determine if texting can be accommodated. He stated texting is being used more and more by the hearing community. He noted an additional goal is for dispatch to accept video and photos from people.

McShane asked about a recent incident that occurred at a Zap Zone event that drew 500 people. She expressed concern regarding this size event at that location. She stated this size event would make families and small children nervous who want to go there.

Schulz responded this was a lock-in event which Zap Zone has held for many years. He stated this was the first time there has been an incident related to this event. He noted the officers did an excellent job of showing patience and maintaining calm in responding to the incident.

Kuiken commented the new look of the remodeled T.J. Maxx looks great. She is happy to see private investment from the business community.

Galvin mentioned the Caddell Drain in his subdivision looks like it is falling apart.

Pastue responded a couple of years ago the Water Resource Commission was looking at bank stabilization. He thought they were going to proceed with some improvements, but for whatever reason have held back. He stated a significant amount of work in that area will probably be done in the next couple of years.

Christiansen introduced two new reporters: Aileen Wingblad from the Farmington Observer and Chris Jackett from C&G Newspapers.

11.ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER: Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
AYES: Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Mayor J.T. Buck

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: May 20, 2013