



FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on November 19, 2012, 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 7:10 PM by Mayor 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
Treasurer Weber

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Christiansen.

3. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Moved to approve items on the consent agenda as amended, moving Item No. 3K. - Consideration to Accept Quit Claim Deed for Property Adjoining Cemetery to Unfinished Business.

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

A. Minutes Approval

1. **City Council - Regular - Oct 15, 2012 7:00 PM**
2. **City Council - Special - Oct 15, 2012 6:00 PM**
3. **City Council - Special Study Session - Oct 1, 2012 7:00 PM**
4. **City Council - Special Study Session - Oct 29, 2012 6:00 PM**

B. Approve Farmington Monthly Payments Report October 2012**C. Approve Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report October 2012****D. Approve Public Works and Water Sewer Department 1st Quarter Report October 2012****E. Farmington Financial Report Quarter Ended June 30, 2012****F. Farmington Financial Report Quarter Ended September 30, 2012****G. Farmington Investment Report Quarter Ended June 30, 2012****H. Farmington Investment Report Quarter Ended September 30, 2012****I. 47Th District Court Financial Report Quarter Ended June 30, 2012****J. 47Th District Court Financial Report Quarter Ended September 30, 2012****K. Moved Item K. to Unfinished Business****L. Consideration to Authorize Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Grant Application for Ball Field Safety Improvements****M. Consideration to Approve Estimate #3 (Final) for the Farmington Road Concrete Patching and Sidewalk Improvements Project****N. Consideration to Approve Construction Estimate #3 (Final) for the Floral Park Subdivision Sewer Rehabilitation Project****4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Moved to approve the regular agenda as amended.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Tengler, 36491 Vicary, expressed concern regarding difficulties he has experienced since Farmington dispatch was consolidated with Farmington Hills. He reported that on two occasions when his calls were transferred to Farmington Hills he could not hear the dispatcher. He stated the City needs to find out why the phone system is not working and that the public should be alerted to this problem.

Tengler also expressed concern regarding the response to his calls concerning illegal solicitation. He questioned why the officer did not issue a citation. He noted he received better service in the past. He stated subcontracting dispatch is not the way to fix fiscal problems. He further stated the City needs to merge with Farmington Hills.

Angela Wolfe and Jennifer Hall from Farmington Area Jaycees were present to discuss their organization and to recruit new members. Angela announced a year-end Jaycees party scheduled for Saturday, January 26th; an annual children's shopping spree on December 15th; and tree lighting at the Warner Mansion on December 1st at 5:30 p.m.

Carol Zahnow, 31748 Folkstone Street, expressed support for keeping Farmington separate from Farmington Hills. She initially opposed dispatch consolidation, but believes it is now working.

Brad Borgman, 34011 Grand River, questioned action taken on the consent agenda.

Betty Borgman, 34011 Grand River, spoke about her challenge to find a video of a prior meeting on the website. She expressed concern about the difficulties in finding information on the site.

Pastue explained how the City website functions.

Pastue introduced the City's new Economic and Community Development Director, Kevin Christiansen.

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Consideration to Approve Family Fun in Riley Park & Pavilion Story Time Special Event Request

Pastue reviewed a request from Farmington Community Library to hold summer programs in Riley Park.

Maria Showich-Gallup, representative for the Farmington Branch Library, was present to discuss the two library programs she is seeking to host at Riley Park.

Kuiken spoke about attending the programs this past year. She stated they are free and a lot of fun.

Motion to approve Farmington Public Library's request to schedule 2013 Family Fun in Riley Park and Pavilion Story Time Program

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

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Accept Quit Claim Deed for Property Adjoining Cemetery

Pastue advised that David and Charlene Fromme offered a quit claim deed at no cost to the City on property adjoining the Oakwood Cemetery. He stated that when the City expanded the cemetery in the 1990's there was some question regarding this small parcel. The quit claim deed will clear up this issue.

Kuiken asked about encumbrances on the title. Schultz responded he could find none.

Motion to accept a quit claim deed for property adjoining the Oakwood Cemetery owned by David and Charlene Fromme. [SEE ATTACHED DEED].

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Approve Valet Service at Painting with a Twist on December 14, 2012

Pastue advised the City received a request for temporary valet service for a company event at Painting with a Twist.

Move to approve a request from Schechter Wealth Strategies for temporary valet service related to an event scheduled at Painting with a Twist scheduled for December 14, 2012 between 12:00pm and 3:30pm.

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

B. Consideration to Approve Budget Amendment #1

Move to adopt budget amendment #1 to establish the budget for the Drakeshire Special Assessment Construction Project, Debt Service Fund, and transfer for the reserve requirement.[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION NO. 11-12-198].

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

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

C. Consideration to Adopt Resolution for Designation of Street Administrator

Pastue advised the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) requires that each local government unit receiving Gas and Weight Tax revenues under Act 51 shall designate a street administrator.

Move to adopt a resolution designating Chuck Eudy as Street Administrator. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION NO. 11-12-199].

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

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

D. Consideration to Introduce Ordinance Amending the Zoning Code to Allow for the Keeping of Horses

Pastue reviewed proposed Ordinance for keeping of horses.

Responding to a question from McShane, Pastue stated only Mr. Thomas who is requesting keeping of horses spoke at the Planning Commission public hearing.

McShane asked how the ordinance compares to other cities.

Christiansen referred to a matrix provided to Council that compares the proposed ordinance to those of surrounding communities. He stated the draft ordinance was created as a result of reviewing other ordinances.

Discussion followed regarding the height requirement for fences.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Christiansen confirmed any type of horse is allowed under the proposed ordinance.

Galvin expressed concern regarding amending the code to benefit a single resident.

Pastue responded the amendment was not done for that reason. He stated the Planning Commission felt this was a reasonable change to the code.

Galvin acknowledged the efforts on the part of the Planning Commission regarding this ordinance. He questioned whether it would be possible for a person building a sailboat in his backyard to secure an amendment to the code to accommodate this activity.

Galvin asked why a variance request would not simply go through the Zoning Board of Appeals rather than amending the code.

Pastue responded granting a variance based on hardship is a pretty high standard to reach.

Christiansen discussed the reasons Mr. Thomas pursued an amendment to the ordinance.

Galvin noted City Code prohibits exotic animals, however he pointed out alpacas and lamas are similar to horses. He asked if there could be amendment for them as well.

Pastue advised such an amendment would go through a similar process as the horse keeping request.

Responding to a question from Kuiken, Schultz stated horses cannot be ridden off the property.

Kuiken liked the setbacks provided in the ordinance. She expressed concern regarding possible odor issues.

Pastue advised odor would be a code enforcement issue.

McShane commented Council is open to working with residents and does not attempt to find ways to obstruct or restrict uses. She stated the City has wise folks on its boards and commissions. She pointed out the City has a good and open policy that provides residents a pathway to make requests.

Galvin asked about the last time City ordinance permitted horses in Farmington.

Pastue responded he did not know.

Cowley stated it shows great flexibility on the part of Council to take on this type of issue.

Move to introduce Ordinance amending Chapter 35, Zoning Code, to allow for the keeping of horses subject to certain requirements. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE]

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
AYES:	Buck, Cowley, Kuiken, McShane
NAYS:	Galvin

E. Consideration to Approve Resolution #1 for Grove Street Special Assessment District

Move to adopt Resolution #1 for the Grove Street Special Assessment District; and authorize the City Manager to prepare a report regarding the scope and cost of the proposed project. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION NO. 11-12-200].

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

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

F. Consideration to Adopt Notice of Intent and Reimbursement Resolution to Issue Bonds for Downtown Capital Improvement Projects

Buck noted Council has had considerable discussion on this bond issue that supports some serious economic development in the downtown.

Move to adopt Notice of Intent and Reimbursement Resolution to issue bonds for Downtown Capital Improvement Projects. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION NO. 11-12-201].

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

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

G. Consideration to Approve Renewal of Shiawassee Park Lease Agreement

Responding to a question from Kuiken, Pastue stated the lease is on an annual basis because of ongoing discussion regarding the City's possible acquisition of the property.

Move to approve renewal of the Shiawassee Park lease agreement for one year ending November 2013 with an automatic annual renewal unless either party provides 90-day notice before November 30 for the termination of the lease agreement. [SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT].

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

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

H. Board and Commission Appointments

Move to reappoint Alton Bennett, Arnold Campbell and Michael Wiggins to the Charter Review Committee for 1-year terms ending 12/31/13; reappoint Joan McGlincy and Eugene Thomas to the Commission on Children, Youth and Families for 3-year terms ending 12/31/15; reappoint Mary Bush to the Board of Review

for a 3-year term ending 12/31/15; and appoint Kathleen Ashcraft to the Commission on Children, Youth & Families for a 3-year term ending 12/31/15.

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

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Eudy announced the leaf pick-up program is slightly ahead of schedule.

Christiansen stated he is excited to serve the City as a Community and Economic Development Director. He thanked Council for their approval and support.

Christiansen stated he has been working with Farmington Hills on the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA). He advised there has been a number of taskforce meetings as well as a stakeholders meeting that was held earlier in the day. He noted the CIA was introduced to the Planning Commission at their November 12th meeting.

Christiansen announced a joint Planning Commission meeting with Farmington Hills is scheduled for December 12th here at City Hall. He stated the taskforce is developing a vision and implementation plan for the CIA.

Schulz advised his department was aware of the problem described earlier in the meeting by Mr. Tengler concerning the phone volume when calling dispatch. He stated the problem has been corrected and that it had existed for non-emergency calls only.

Schulz discussed the success of consolidated dispatch. He noted they will be holding another meeting/training session with dispatchers to discuss and address issues that have arisen as a result of the consolidation.

Schulz advised that during this holiday season residents should not overload electrical sockets with too many extension cords and should not leave candles unattended.

Buck requested an update on the status of consolidated dispatch at the next meeting.

Weber announced taxes and water and sewer bills can now be paid online. He stated the service was implemented on September 28th and 15 minutes after they went live the first payment was received. He noted they have received over 1500 visits to the website from people trying to get information on this new service.

Halberstadt announced the upcoming tree lighting at the Mansion on December 1st. She noted the recent Presidential election went well in Farmington.

10. COUNCIL COMMENT

McShane congratulated the City Clerk's office for a successful election. She noted a visioning session for the City of Farmington will be held after January 1st. She invited residents to attend and express their opinions regarding the future of the City.

Galvin congratulated everyone in the City who owns horses relative to the proposed ordinance amendment. He stated his concern regarding making amendments to the City Code and pointed out the six proposals to the state constitution on the recent November

ballot. He welcomed residents to continue making requests regarding code issues that affect them.

Galvin pointed out state legislators are entering a lame duck session. He noted there are a couple issues that are proposed that would impact Farmington: personal property tax and HB 5804 funding by local governments for indigent defendants. He encouraged the public to become informed and contact their legislators, Senator Gregory and Representative Barnett.

Cowley welcomed Kevin Christiansen to City staff. He advised the City still has a revenue problem that can only be solved by creating additional revenue. He stated the City is undertaking projects that will improve revenue stream. He complimented City Manager Pastue on his creativity in addressing issues and furthering economic development.

Kuiken spoke about a SEMCOG meeting she recently attended. She stated transportation stood out as a top priority. She noted Council recently adopted a resolution in support of a Regional Transportation Authority to inform Lansing that this is a high priority for the City.

Buck noted this is the week of Thanksgiving. He expressed his gratitude for those attending the meeting; his fellow Councilmembers and City staff. He wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

J. T. (Tom) Buck, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____