



City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, June 19, 2017
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on June 19, 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 7:03 PM by Mayor William 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

Director Christiansen
Director Demers
Superintendent Eudy
City Clerk Halberstadt
City Manager Murphy
Attorney Saarela
Treasurer Weber

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Irwin Moyna, Emergency Preparedness Commission member, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Irwin Moyna, representing the Emergency Preparedness Commission, encouraged all businesses to have an effective emergency plan available. He provided a series of steps necessary for an effective and comprehensive plan.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Event Application - Run for the Hills**
- B. Event Application: Farmington Public Schools Picnic Shiawassee Park**
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report**
- D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report**
- E. Minutes of the City Council**
 - 1. Special – April 24, 2017

2. Regular – May 15, 2017
3. Special – May 15, 2017
4. Special – May 24, 2017
5. Regular – June 5, 2017

Move to approve items on the consent agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bowman, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Miss Oakland County Candidates

Brooklynn Lambert, 2016 Miss Oakland County, discussed her platform, activities and accomplishments during her reign over the last year. She was recently named second runner-up in the Miss Michigan pageant.

Several of the 2017 Miss Oakland contestants were present to discuss their platforms.

B. Public Hearing – Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget and Millage Rates

Move to open the public hearing to receive public comment on proposed FY 2017-18 budget.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bowman, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

Murphy provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed FY 2017-18 budget.

Responding to a question from Scott, Eudy stated due to insufficient funding, city roads have not been maintained to the standards recommended in the Paser study. He noted a few years ago, City Engineers, OHM, recommended the City increase road funding in order to properly

maintain local roads, however that increase was delayed and roads began to fall short of the Paser rating.

Galvin advised the road millage increase was approved by voters in 2014. He stated the City did not exercise the increase over the past two years for couple of reasons: a significant transition in city management occurred and an updated Paser study was necessary before road repairs could begin. He pointed out that using some of the General Fund balance is justifiable, noting it is currently at 29% of the budget, however, the City's target has always been 25%. He stated the extra money will be spent on projects for our citizens. He is disheartened that the City is still unable to find a revenue source for the Capital Improvement Fund. He thanked City Administration for their efforts in putting the budget together.

Move to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bowman, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Adopt Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget and Establish Millage Rates

Move to adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget and millage rates as presented. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Scott, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Bowman, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott
NAYS:	Cowley

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

B. Consideration to Adopt Downtown Development Authority's Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget and Establish 2017 Principal Shopping District Special Assessment

Murphy provided a review of the proposed FY2017-18 DDA budget.

Move to adopt a resolution approving the proposed FY 2017/18 DDA budget as presented. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bowman, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

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

C. Consideration to Adopt Fiscal Year 2017-18 47th District Court, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Corridor Improvement Authority and Joint Agency Budgets

Murphy provided a review of the FY2017-18 proposed budgets for the 47th District Court, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Corridor Improvement Authority and Joint Agencies.

Responding to a question from Bowman, Murphy stated the increased contribution to the 47th District Court is due to less tickets being written by the City of Farmington Hills.

Cowley stated the reduction in tickets being written will likely continue, therefore the City should build the additional cost for the 47th District Court into future budgets.

Move to adopt a resolution to approve the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget for the 47th District Court, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Corridor Improvement Authority and joint agencies. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Cowley, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

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

D. Consideration to Amend Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget

Murphy briefly discussed the changes to the FY2016-17 budget that resulted in the proposed amendment.

Move to adopt a resolution amending Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget as presented. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Bowman, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

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

E. Consideration to Adopt Resolution to Amend Residential Refuse/Recycling User Charge

Move to adopt a resolution to amend the Residential Refuse/Recycling User Charge effective July 1, 2017. [\[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION\]](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

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

F. Consideration to Amend Employee Administrative Manual and Non-Union Pay Plan

Murphy briefly discussed the proposed changes to the Employee Administrative Manual.

Move to adopt a resolution amending the Employee Administrative manual, non-union pay plan, and City Manager contract effective July 1, 2017. [\[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION\]](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bowman, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

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

G. Consideration to Approve HAVA Grant Agreement for New Voting Equipment

Halberstadt provided background on the HAVA grant agreement and the implementation of new election equipment.

Move to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Clerk to execute a Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant agreement between the State of Michigan, Oakland County and the City of Farmington. [\[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION\]](#).

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Bowman, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

H. Consideration to Approve Construction Estimate No. 2, for the Bel-Aire, Shiawassee, Mooney Street Sewer Rehabilitation and Improvements

Eudy provided background on Construction Estimate No. 2 for the said local streets sewer rehabilitation and improvement project.

Move to approve Construction Estimate No. 2 and release the retainage held with Bidigare Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$28,371.98 for Divisions I and III of the contract.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott.

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

I. Consideration to Approve City of Farmington Civic Theater General Manager Service Agreement as presented

City Administration recommended Freeman's base amount be increased to \$70,000 and the profit incentive remain at 10% effective July 1, 2017.

Bowman commented that Freeman has done an amazing job for the Civic Theater. He has taken it to a whole new level.

Scott concurred that Freeman has done a great job with the Theater, noting its increasing profitability.

Cowley pointed out the lack of a capital improvement budget is not a good long term strategy. He encouraged Freeman to try to find funding for capital improvements.

Discussion followed regarding the length of the contract and future salary increases.

Responding to a question from Schneemann, Weber stated Freeman's profit incentive for last year was approximately \$5,000.

Responding to an additional question from Schneemann, Weber confirmed payment for the HVAC units came out of the Civic Theater fund. He also noted the final payment for the film projection system has been made to the City.

Schneemann stated Freeman has done a superb job with the Theater.

Move to approve the Farmington Civic Theater General Manager Service Agreement as presented. [SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT].

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Bowman, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

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

8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENT

Weber noted there will be a slight reduction in the fee amount for refuse/recycling, leaf collection and yard waste pick-up for the coming year.

Christiansen stated he had nothing specific for Council, but welcomed questions.

Scott noted Suburban Collection has started their development at Grand River and Halsted. He questioned whether there are any remaining issues relative to that project that need to be brought back to Council. Christiansen responded there were none.

Responding to an additional question from Scott, Christiansen stated the opening date for the Digital Terrain building at Grand River and Halsted should be fairly soon.

Schneemann requested an update on the redevelopment of the Maxfield Training Center.

Christiansen stated City Administration has had a series of meetings with the developer and the Methodist Church. He met with the developer last week and is hopeful revised plans will be brought to the Planning Commission in July.

Responding to a question from Bowman, Christiansen stated half of the Orchard Condominium units have been leased.

Demers announced that Scott Hermann will retire from the City at the end of June. He invited Council to attend his retirement party in the Council Chambers on Thursday, June 29th.

Responding to a question from Cowley, Demers confirmed overtime expenses were incurred relative to a recent political rally held in Riley Park.

Cowley asked how the City should address this type of event in the future and what the process should be for recovering related expenses.

Galvin noted Officer Hermann recently played an important role in preventing a suicide attempt at Shiawassee Park.

Eudy commended the Oakland County Water Resource Commission (OWRC) for their quick response to a Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) water issue. He stated as a result of the efforts of the OWRC no contaminated water was released into the City. He discussed the need to establish better procedures in communicating with the public regarding emergency events.

Eudy advised that Grand River will be closed from Shiawassee to Grove Street on the following Saturday. He stated the entire section of that road will be resurfaced. He spoke about the weekly updates the City receives from MDOT regarding street closures, etc.

Responding to a question from Schneemann, Eudy stated the Market Master has been advised regarding the closure of Grand River on Saturday.

Murphy advised that 50% of the work has been completed on the Quaker Cemetery. He stated Brian Golden will provide a future presentation on the restoration of the cemetery.

Murphy announced that Kate Knight will start as DDA Director on July 10th. He noted that the Flanders Park ribbon cutting/celebration has been put off until September 30th.

9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cowley stated he voted “no” on the FY2017-18 budget to send a message that the City will be in trouble unless changes are made. He discussed how the budget has been negatively impacted over the last several years. He believes the downtown is where growth needs to happen. He stated the City needs to figure out a way to make it through the next five years.

Schneeman welcomed Kate Knight, the new DDA Director, to our City. He believes there are good things ahead for the DDA.

Bowman discussed the road closures relative to the reconstruction of Grand River. She noted the project is not costing the City one dime. She thanked the public for their patience during this much needed improvement.

Scott noted state revenue sharing has continued to go down every year. The City needs to make sure the quality of infrastructure is maintained and not continue to only apply Band-Aids. The City needs a capital improvement budget that will begin to support the items on the Capital Improvement report. He stated the City must continue to address parking, noting a lack of parking is stopping our growth.

Galvin announced we are four weeks away from the Founders Festival. He encouraged the public to keep looking for additional news regarding the festival.

10. CLOSED SESSION: Labor Negotiations

Move to enter closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Bowman, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

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

Council entered closed session at 8:35 pm.

Move to exit closed session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

Council exited closed session at 8:46 p.m.

Move to ratify a two-year contract (July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2019) with TPOAM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bowman, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

11. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Galvin, Mayor
SECONDER:	Bowman, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

William E. Galvin, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: July 17, 2017