



City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, July 17, 2017
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on July 17, 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 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
City Attorney Schultz
City Treasurer Weber

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Emma Seidel, Miss Oakland County 2017.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Luce, 36619 Vicary Lane, representing Chatham Hills Subdivision Association, commented regarding the pending road project to repair the entryway to Chatham Hills Subdivision. He noted that it has been over ten years since any money has been put into Chatham Hills roads. He asked that all sidewalks be ADA compliant. He would like the road project extended down Smithfield Road.

Bob York, representing the Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission, noted summer provides a great opportunity to reconnect with neighbors, learn new first aid skills, join or form a neighborhood watch, and find out who in your neighborhood may have special needs.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consideration to Participate in the Election of the Governing Board of the MML Workers' Compensation Fund**
- B. Accept Minutes from City's Boards and Commission: Planning Commission, Commission on Aging, Commission on Children Youth and Families, Downtown Development Authority, Emergency Preparedness Commission, Historical Commission, Library Board, and Multi-Cultural Multi-Racial Committee**
- C. Outdoor seating approval - Grand River Avenue Right-of-Way**
- D. Fourth Quarter Building Department Report**
- E. Farmington Monthly Payments Report**
- F. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report**
- G. Minutes of the City Council Meeting**

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Move to approve items on the Consent Agenda as Presented.

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

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.

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

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS**A. Miss Oakland County Court 2017**

Emma Seidel, Miss Oakland County 2017, spoke about the scholarship award she received. She discussed her platform, youth empowerment raising strong girls. She announced Aubrey Hainsworth is Miss Oakland County Teen 2017.

B. Video of Quaker Cemetery Restoration Project

**Present: Phil Power, Power Family Foundation
David Carter, Carter Cemetery Preservation**

Brian Golden presented a video of the restoration work completed at the Quaker Cemetery.

Phil Power, representing the Power Family Foundation that underwrote the cemetery restoration, commented on the project.

Bowman thanked Mr. Power for his generous donation to restore the cemetery. She noted the excellent work that was done by David Carter.

Schneemann expressed appreciation to Mr. Power for his donation and the restoration work that was done. He is impressed at how much we value our history in Farmington.

Scott also expressed appreciation to Mr. Power for his donation that transformed the cemetery. He was impressed at the excellent work that was done by Mr. Carter. He stated the cemetery markers tell a story of Farmington's history.

Carter remarked it was great working with the City and Superintendent Eudy.

Cowley expressed gratitude to Mr. Powers for the preservation of Farmington history and providing the opportunity to recognize names of families on markers who founded Farmington.

Galvin also thanked Mr. Power for his generous donation and noted that a number of streets in Farmington are named after its founders.

Phil Power stated he is direct descendant of one of the founders of Farmington, Arthur Power, and also that he is a former publisher of the Observer newspaper. He discussed the history of Farmington and how it was founded.

7. NEW BUSINESS**A. City Council Appointment to the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee**

City Administration advised Councilmember Cowley's term on the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee has expired and as a result a new 3-year appointment needs to be made.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Schultz stated that a resolution changing a Councilmember's term on the Parking Advisory Committee to coincide with their term of office is possible.

Galvin stated that the appointment could be made at the November organizational meeting where Council decides who will serve on what committee.

Schultz advised Council can make the term of the appointment to expire at the time of the organizational meeting in November.

Move to re-appoint Greg Cowley to the Downtown Farmington Parking Advisory Committee for a term ending November 13, 2017 wherein Council will make new appointments as part of the Council re-organization meeting.

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

B. Consideration to Introduce Ordinance C-783-2017 to amend the City of Farmington City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 12, "Election," Section 12-1, "Nominations"

Halberstadt advised the purpose of the proposed ordinance amendment is to bring City Code in line with State Election Law with regard to certification of candidate petition signatures and the deadline by which petitions must be submitted to the Clerk's office.

Move to introduce Ordinance C-783-2017, amending Chapter 12 of the City Code, Elections, regarding nominations for city office. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE]

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

C. Browndog Creamery Request for MLCC New Outdoor Service Area Permit

Schneeman requested to be recused from discussion and action on this agenda item due to his business interest in Browndog Creamery.

Move to recuse Schneemann due to his business interest in Browndog Creamery.

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

Demers advised that based on information provided through the background investigation of Browndog Creamery, LLC, City Administration is recommending approval of the proposed permit for outdoor liquor sales.

Move to approve a Michigan Liquor Control Commission (MLCC) permit for outdoor liquor sales for the Browndog Creamery, LLC.

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

D. MERS Annual Actuarial Valuation Report 2016

Weber advised each year the City receives its Annual Actuarial Valuation from the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (MERS). The valuation shows that the City's pension system is 82% funded. This is the same funding level as the prior year.

Move to receive and file the MERS Annual Actuarial Valuation Report prepared as of December 31, 2016.

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

E. Consideration to Approve Construction Estimate No. 1 for the 2017 Farmington Roads HMA (Asphalt Roads) Maintenance Project

Eudy advised that at the April 3, 2017 meeting, City Council approved the bid from Pro-Line Asphalt Paving Corporation for the 2017 Farmington Asphalt Maintenance Project. He stated construction estimate no. 1 includes work completed through June 30, 2017. At that time Cloverdale, Hayden, and Warner Streets had been resurfaced and restoration was in progress.

Move to approve Construction Estimate No. 1 for the 2017 Farmington Roads HMA (Asphalt Roads) Maintenance Project and authorize payment to Pro-Line Asphalt Paving Corporation in the amount of \$202,923.47.

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

F. Consideration to Approve Change Order No. 1 and Construction Estimate No. 1 for the 2017 Farmington Sidewalk Improvement Program

Eudy advised that at the April 17, 2017 meeting City Council approved a bid from Audia Construction for the 2017 Sidewalk Improve Program. He noted City Administration and Engineers requested Audia Construction expand the scope of the project to include sidewalk repairs on Lilac Street between Shiawassee & Astor and Floral Street between Fink & Astor, resulting in an increase of the contract in an amount not to exceed the 2016/17 allotment of \$127,500.

Move to approve Change Order No. 1 and construction estimate no. 1 for the 2017 Farmington Sidewalk Improvement Program and authorize payment to Audia Construction in the amount of \$96,548.89.

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

G. Consideration to Accept Bid and Award the 2017/18 Smithfield Road Entrance Reconstruction Project

Present: Jessica Howard and Matt Parks, Orchard Hiltz & McCliment Advisors

Eudy advised a total of eight bids were received for the Smithfield Road Reconstruction project. The city's engineers, OHM, reviewed the bid tabulations along with contractor work history and references and as a result recommended awarding the contract to Goretski Construction.

At the request of Mayor Galvin, Jessica Howard described the scope of the project. She stated work will start the beginning of August and conclude mid-September.

Responding to a question from Cowley, Howard stated OHM has done business with this contractor and noted they have been thoroughly vetted.

Responding to a question from Bowman, Parks stated residents would be unable to use the Smithfield entrance for 3-4 weeks.

Responding to a question from Scott, Howard stated due to the constraints of the site and funding they were unable to make a change to the sidewalk.

Galvin thanked Jessica Howard, Matt Parks, and city staff for showing up at a Chatham Hills subdivision meeting to explain the project.

Discussion followed regarding traffic flow during construction as well as advanced signage.

Move to accept bids for the 2017/18 Smithfield Road Reconstruction Project and award the contract to Goretski Construction, Milford, Michigan, in the amount of \$231,031.00, and include a \$23,000 contingency budget for a total construction budget of \$254,031.00.

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

H. Consideration to approve payment No. 2 to R. Graham Construction LLC for the Foundation Repairs at the Governor Warner Home as Defined by the AIA Contract Dated April 12, 2017

Eudy advised this is the second of three payments to R. Graham Construction for work completed on the foundation and structural repairs to the Mansion. He noted repairs should be completed by July 31st.

Move to approve payment No. 2 to R. Graham Construction LLC in the amount of \$27,781.67 for the foundation repairs at the Governor Warner Mansion as provided in the AIA contract dated April 12, 2017.

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

8. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Eudy discussed the Grand River road project, noting the contractor is ahead of schedule and will be working up until Thursday morning before the festival. He stated a proposal for reconstruction of the Mansion rear porch was received. He noted his crews are ready for the Founders Festival.

Demers reminded the public that Farmington Road would be closed the following Thursday through Sunday for the Festival. He asked for patience in navigating around the City.

Christiansen noted there is quite a bit of redevelopment going on in the City. He stated the Planning Commission approved the site plan for the redevelopment of the Nine Mile Clark station.

Responding to a question from Cowley, Christiansen described moving through the PUD process for redevelopment of the old courthouse property.

Halberstadt spoke about the planned activities at the Mansion during Founders Festival and the upcoming Mansion Gala on August 12th.

Murphy introduced Kate Knight, the new Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority.

9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Cowley encouraged everyone to attend the Founders Festival that starts on Thursday. He thanked his fellow Councilmembers for his re-appointment to the Parking Advisory Committee. He confirmed his candidacy for City Council in the upcoming November election. He stated the City needs a strategy for addressing the budget deficit without raising taxes.

Bowman noted the upcoming Founders Festival will cause a significant increase in traffic and visitors. She asked everyone to be mindful when pulling out of parking lots and entrances.

Scott stated he is also running for re-election to City Council. He looks forward to receiving feedback from the public. He spoke about the new redevelopment projects in the city, but noted the City is facing challenges as well.

Galvin also confirmed he is running for re-election. He announced he will be in the dunk tank at the Methodist Church during Founders Festival. He stated 50% of the proceeds will be going to Warner Mansion.

10. CLOSED SESSION – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Move to enter closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

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

Council took a 5 minute recess.

Council entered closed session at 8:35 p.m.

Move to exit closed session.

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

Council exited closed session at 8:49 p.m.

Move to approve a 3-year settlement agreement between the City of Farmington and the Farmington Command Officers Association (FCOA) as presented.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

William E. Galvin, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: August 21, 2017