



City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, November 13, 2017
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

An organization meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on November 13, 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 6:00 PM by City Manager Murphy.

1. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY SUSAN K. HALBERSTADT, CLERK

Oath of Office: Maria Taylor, Bill Galvin, Joe LaRussa

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Councilmember	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

City Clerk Halberstadt
City Manager Murphy
Attorney Saarela

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bowman, Councilmember
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor

5. ELECTION OF MAYOR – DAVID MURPHY, CITY MANAGER, WILL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Bowman moved to nominate Steve Schneemann as Mayor.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bowman, Councilmember
SECONDER:	None
AYES:	Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor

Mayor Schneemann conducted the remainder of the meeting.

6. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Galvin moved to nominate Sara Bowman as Mayor Pro Tem.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Galvin, Councilmember
SECONDER:	None
AYES:	Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor

7. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SERVE ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Move to adopt a resolution appointing Councilmembers to serve on Boards and Commissions. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]

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

8. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Move to adopt a resolution of the Farmington City Council establishing 2018 City Council meeting dates. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Galvin, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor

9. DISCUSSION – 2018 GOAL SETTING MEETING: SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

Move to schedule 2018 goal setting meeting for Saturday, January 13, 2018.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Galvin, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Galvin congratulated Mayor Schneemann and Mayor Pro Tem Bowman on their appointments and looked forward to working alongside them.

Taylor thanked voters for their confidence and looked forward to serving them for the next four years.

Bowman welcomed new Councilmembers LaRussa and Taylor, encouraging them to reach out and utilize the wonderful resources the City has to offer.

Schneemann spoke about the financial report prepared by Plante Moran and asked the Councilmembers to review it before the next meeting. He praised the administrative staff for their efforts relative to the audit.

Schneemann congratulated former Mayor Galvin, on his re-election to Council. He thanked him for his steady leadership, institutional knowledge and continued service to the City. He congratulated LaRussa and Taylor on their effective campaigns and looked forward to working with them. He thanked Bowman for her continued service on Council and highlighted her experience and willingness to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Schneemann credited Clerk Halberstadt with a smooth, successful election. He thanked City administration and staff and asked for patience with the council as they ease in. He thanked his wife, Jennifer, for her continued and future support.

Schneemann addressed the voters and noted that many of them voted for change as represented by the new Council. He mentioned the wheels of government tend to turn slowly, so while we may have change, sometimes it takes time and that isn't necessarily a bad thing. He also reassured the voters who voted for incumbents. He stated that our services will continue and we will continue to grow and have smart redevelopment.

Schneemann discussed the sometimes contentious nature of election season. Moving forward, he asked for unity and goodwill in the community. He stated that we all love the City in our own way and have its best interest at heart. He encouraged Councilmembers to hold each other in high esteem, honoring and respecting the fact that there may be differing opinions on matters, but each want what's best for the city and its residents. He encouraged the public to keep dialogue civil even if there is a decision they do not agree with. We should all choose to keep the poisonous paradigm out of our city. We are not enemies, we are friends and neighbors. He

promised as the newly appointed mayor to do all that he can to continue the positive trajectory Farmington is on.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Steve Schneemann, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: December 18, 2018