



Regular City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Monday, May 20, 2019  
City Council Chambers  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335

**FINAL**

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on May 20, 2019, in Farmington City Hall, 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 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Schneemann.

### 1. ROLL CALL

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

#### **City Administration Present**

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

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chris Halas, MainStreet Oakland County Volunteer of the Year, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Faye Schuette, 23211 Cass Ave, thanked the Council for considering the proclamation about National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

Karen Coronado, Charter Communication, informed Council about current offerings by Charter in the field of municipal broadband.

Chris Halas, 33660 Hillcrest Drive, commented as a member of the Master Plan Committee about municipal broadband.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

A. Accept Minutes for City Boards and Commissions

B. Approve City Council Minutes

a. 04-15-19 Special DRAFT

b. 04-15-19 Regular DRAFT

c. 04-22-19 Budget DRAFT

d. 04-30-19 Special DRAFT

e. 05-06-19 Regular DRAFT

C. Farmington Quarterly Financial Report – 3/31/19

D. Farmington Quarterly Investment Report – 3/31/19

E. Farmington Quarterly Financial Report – Court – 3/31/19

F. Farmington Monthly Payments Report

G. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report

H. Proclamation: National Gun Violence Awareness Day (Wear Orange Day), Friday June 7, 2019

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.\*\*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

#### 5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda to include the addition of Item 7I – Construction Estimate No. 2 for the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation.\*\*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember

#### 6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

##### A. Broadband Presentation – Councilmember Joe LaRussa

LaRussa introduced Aaron Paluzzi to explain the possible implementation of municipal broadband in Farmington.

Bowman thanked Paluzzi for addressing Council, and asked if there had been any additional review of the split of the cost for a broadband consultant with Farmington Hills. LaRussa estimated that Farmington's share would be less than what had been previously stated.

Bowman asked about operating models and how citizens would own the broadband system, and asked how this model affects the current industry and interfaces with the community. LaRussa said this would be part of a bigger, later discussion.

Schneemann stated that the Farmington City Council had a joint session with the Farmington Hills Council and explained to the public why this presentation came before council at this meeting. He asked whether Farmington already had access to the speeds being discussed. Paluzzi stated that that the quality of service varies wildly, depending on the neighborhood.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two Police Patrol Vehicles**

Director Demers requested approval to purchase two 2020 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles (AWD).

Galvin asked about patrol car recycling and Demers commented on how Farmington Public Safety maximizes the life of the cars and also sells vehicles online. Bowman asked what color these would be and Demers explained the tradition of the all-white vehicles. Schneemann asked about the discrepancy between best prices.

**Move to approve the purchase of two police patrol vehicles from Gorno Ford, Woodhaven MI, in the amount of \$65,738.00.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor

**B. Consideration to approve public hearing notice for proposed fiscal year 2019-20 budget and property tax rates and schedule public hearing**

City Manager Murphy summarized the need for a public hearing about this year’s budget.

LaRussa commented about adding funds to the budget for a broadband consultant and requested that it be added. Murphy commented on how it had been considered in the proposed budget.

**Move to approve the public hearing notice for the proposed fiscal year 2019-20 budget and property tax rates and schedule a public hearing on Monday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

**C. Consideration to certify 2019 delinquent false alarm fees, water and sewer bills, and invoices**

City Treasurer Weber requested approval for placing the lists of delinquent fees on the Farmington Tax Roll pursuant to City Code.

Bowman and Taylor asked about how the lists were created and Weber clarified the process. LaRussa asked whether the list changes every year.

**Move to approve the attached lists of delinquent false alarm fees, water and sewer bills, and invoices for placement on the Farmington Tax Roll pursuant to City Code.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman

**D. Consideration to amend to the Historical Commission Ordinance to reduce the number of board members from nine to seven**

Murphy explained the Historical Commission’s request to reduce board member participation from nine to seven members. Taylor stated that there is precedent and that she was in favor of the reduction. LaRussa commented that there should be a right-sized governing body for each commission and committee, but this should not be construed as a lack of people available to serve.

**Move to approve the first reading of an ordinance to amend the City of Farmington Code of Ordinances, Chapter 17: Historical Preservation, Article II, Historical Districts, Section 17-28, Historical Commission, to reduce the number of members of the Historical Commission from 9 to 7.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman, Galvin

**E. Consideration to approve Planned Unit Development (PUD) Concept Plan and PUD Agreement for the Farmington Masonic Temple Association (Masonic Temple) and related improvements**

Director Christiansen summarized the Planned Unit Development plan and agreement being considered for a new restaurant use of the Masonic Temple by Blue Hat Coffee.

LaRussa asked about suggested options and how they would affect the PUD as it stands. He requested that administration work on a separate parking agreement. Galvin described the Parking Committee's earlier discussions on a three hour parking limitation. Saarela explained that it would help move an agreement along.

Discussion ensued about the planned dumpster and pad, historic preservation concerns, and the contributions a new business will bring to the downtown. Steve Schwartz, representative of Masonic Lodge, gave a short overview of the challenges of keeping the building in good shape. He indicated that the Masonic Lodge will have great flexibility in changing or renewing the parking agreement.

Bowman commented that the proposed use is exciting and wanted to clarify concerns about a parking agreement and the dumpster location and pad. Schneemann asked about change of use with change in ownership. Administration was asked which parking option it preferred and Murphy stated he favored Option 1. Schneemann preferred a pad under the dumpster but would leave that decision to later negotiations. Discussion continued about parking and plan options.

**Move to conditionally approve the Masonic Lodge – Blue Hat Coffee PUD Concept Plan and PUD Agreement with Farmington Masonic Temple Association, for redevelopment/renovation of the “Masonic Temple” building on Grand River Avenue and Farmington Road (23715 Farmington Road), because the project meets the eligibility requirements of a Planned Unit Development as a result of its redevelopment of a building and related property that, at the completion of the project, will better contribute to the vibrancy of downtown Farmington.**

**Approval is subject to the following conditions:**

- a. Incorporation of the following changes to PUD Concept Plan in a Final PUD Concept Plan to be reviewed and approved administratively for attachment to the PUD Agreement:
  - (i). Comments and recommendations of OHM Advisors in their letter dated March 4, 2019.
  - (ii). Conditions of approval of the Planning Commission.
  - (iii). Item III. regarding parking, option 2c, striking 2d and Item VII. subject to negotiation on parking.
- b. Final review and approval of all legal descriptions and other exhibits.
- c. Final review and approval of the of the PUD Agreement by the City Manager and City Attorney, including any minor amendments deemed necessary to comply with the City's ordinances and Council requirements.
- d. Final site plan by the Farmington Planning Commission that incorporates all requirements of the PUD Agreement, as revised.\*\*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Galvin, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa

- F. Consideration to accept proposal from Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner Office to replace the 9 Mile Retention wet well exhaust fan/blower housing unit in the estimated amount of \$17,200**

Superintendent Eudy explained the need for a new fan/blower housing unit.

**Move to accept proposal from Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner Office (OCWRC) to replace the 9 Mile Retention wet well exhaust fan/blower housing replacement in the estimated amount of \$17,200.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Taylor, Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann

- G. Consideration to accept revised proposal from Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner Office to replace the 9 Mile Retention SCADA**

Eudy presented a request for replacement of the 9 Mile Retention SCADA.

**Move to accept revised proposal from Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner Office (OCWRC) to replace the 9 Mile Retention SCADA in the estimated amount of \$18,000.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor

- H. Special Events:**

- a. Founders Festival Fireworks**

Murphy introduced a request from the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce to move the fireworks launch site from Shiawassee Park to the bottom of the sledding hill across Shiawassee Road.

**Move to approve the special event application requesting the Chamber of Commerce include fireworks as part of the Founders Festival on July 20 at dusk (approximate 9:30 – 10 p.m.) to be launched at the bottom of the Shiawassee sled hill.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

**b. Warnerettes Parasol Drill Team: Women's Suffrage Commemorative Performance**

Murphy introduced a representative of the Warnerettes to describe the requested performance.

**Move to approve the special event application requesting use of Riley Park for the Warnerettes Parasol Drill Team to stage a Women's Suffrage Commemorative performance on Monday, June 10 from 7-8 p.m.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

**I. Consideration to accept Construction Estimate No. 2 for the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation**

Eudy presented a construction estimate to be approved for work completed on Flanders Street, Lilac Street, and Chesley Street.

**Move to approve Construction estimate No. 2 for the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation in the amount of \$130,962.94 for work completed from December 6, 2018 to May 3, 2019.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman

**8. DEPARTMENT COMMENT**

Demers reported on the Department of Public Safety's recent award ceremony at Freedom Gateway Center on May 16, 2019 where over forty officers and civilians were honored.

In response to a query by LaRussa about water meters, Weber indicated that the topic would be brought to the next meeting.

Eudy announced that Farmington is accepting applications for a job opening in the Department of Public Works and that those interested could find an application on the City's website.

Christiansen spoke about the Master Plan Steering Committee forwarding the City of Farmington Master Plan 2019 to the Planning Commission. There will be a public hearing on Aug 12, 2019.

Murphy spoke about the success of the Farmer's Market Opening Day on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

## 9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Galvin commented on the Oakland Street project and the costs associated with it to keep the public up to date with the project's progress. He cautioned all department heads to watch their fiduciary responsibilities and keep expenses down and also addressed the way the City is advised by their engineering advisors.

LaRussa echoed Murphy's comments about the success of the Farmer's Market opening. He cited many good things that are happening in Farmington and thanked Council for its support of the broadband task force.

Bowman announced that Farmer's Market kicks off party season in Farmington, with the Memorial Day Parade coming, along with Art on the Grand. Residents can plan weekends around these events and should pay attention to what's out there. She invited residents to come out and enjoy the available activities.

Taylor commented on the Blue Hat Coffee PUD and requested to have a more complete plan prepared before it comes to Council for approval. She is looking forward to an exciting use for an historical jewel.

Schneemann gave a shout out to the Farmington High School Women's LaCrosse team, who are doing very well this season. He said that the Farmer's Market was great and thanked both Farmington City Council and Farmington Hills City Council and Mayor for being represented at the opening of the best market in Southeast Michigan. He also gave kudos to the DDA for making the downtown so vibrant. Speaking about the Oakland Street investment, he cited the fantastic economy as a reason that it was difficult to get good bids and quotes are coming in high.

## 10. CLOSED SESSION – PROPERTY ACQUISITION

**Move to enter closed session to discuss property acquisition.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman, Galvin

Council entered closed session at 9:15 p.m.



**Move to exit closed session.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Galvin, Councilmember

Council exited closed session at 9:22 p.m.

**11. ADJOURNMENT****Move to adjourn the meeting.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

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Steven Schneemann, Mayor

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Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: June 17, 2019

**\*\***To view approved documents, please see the Agenda Packet link that is relevant to this meeting at <http://farmgov.com/City-Services/Government/Agendas-and-Minutes/City-Council.aspx> or contact the City Clerk.