



**FINAL**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on September 21, 2015, in Farmington City Hall, 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 Mayor William Galvin.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor	Present	
JoAnne McShane	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Jeff Scott	Councilmember	Present	

**City Administration Present**

Director Christiansen  
 City Clerk Halberstadt  
 Assistant to the City Manager Knowles  
 City Manager Murphy  
 Attorney Schultz

**2. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

**4. UPDATE OF THE MDOT SCOPING PROJECT FINAL REPORT MEETING - OHM**

**A. Update of the MDOT Scoping Project Final Report Meeting - OHM**

Christiansen briefly reviewed the final MDOT Scoping Project Report for Grand River. He also discussed a recent MDOT meeting where the Scoping project was reviewed.

Scott advised that as MDOT has not identified funding, there is no money identified yet for the Grand River project. He stated MDOT is interested in turning Grand River over to the local agencies. Mayor Galvin inquired when this might occur, and Christiansen and

Scott indicated less than ten years. Mayor Galvin expressed concern about length of wait. Christiansen indicated that though there is no funding earmarked for these improvements, having the scoping and reports already done allows this project to be in the queue for funding.

Beyond the scoping project: 2017 "mill and fill" of Grand River, 2018 Orchard Lake/Grand River signalization update. Scott confirmed that MDOT will consider an alternative striping configuration after the road improvement which will allow implementation of some of the complete street scenarios much quicker than was thought. 2016 will be a period for design, 2017 implementation and test of the road diet.

McShane wondered where the city will get money, Schneeman is concerned with making sure city administration does everything it needs to do to be sure advantage can be taken of the striping opportunity, Cowley inquired as to the commitment of Farmington Hills to make this a joint project.

Discussion concluded with a review of opportunities and possible concerns.

## **5. UPDATE OF RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

### **A. Consideration of LSL Proposal for City of Farmington Recreation Master Plan update**

Present: Caitlin Malloy-Marcon, LSL Planning

Murphy presented the update of the recreation master plan. A review of the 2015-16 budget that has money in it for a Parks and Recreation plan was disbursed, as well as an attachment from LSL Planning outlining their proposal for the update.

Christiansen spoke on the need and desire to update 2005-2009 Recreation master plan in light of changes in existing conditions plus the addition of a neighborhood park on the Flanders School site.

Malloy-Marcon presented the LSL proposal and its projected budget.

Christiansen requested that a subcommittee be formed that consists of five members: representatives from Council, planning commission, DDA, residents, and a representative of the user base such as the South Farmington Baseball, Inc. group. McShane suggested representatives from the YMCA and the Schools be included in the subcommittee and also inquired about the time frame. Christiansen responded that recommendations for the subcommittee could be presented at next meeting in October, and have a completion focus of six months. Galvin proposed a public engagement meeting be included in the plan, and requested that Farmington's diverse population also be included in the public feedback phase of the project.

## **6. REVIEW OF PROPOSED OFFERS TO PURCHASE OLD COURTHOUSE**

### **A. Review of Proposal and Purchase Agreement for Old Courthouse Property**

Present: Dan Blugerman, Thomas A. Duke Company

Mayor Galvin introduced a review of proposed offers to purchase the Old Courthouse Property. Schneemann recused himself from the conversation, Galvin accepted. Schneemann explained that his architectural firm is representing one of the site

developers and left the meeting.

Christiansen quickly reviewed the proposal from the Thomas A. Duke Company. He gave a short overview of the history of the plans for the property, and moved into a description of the two proposed uses: as an attached single-family project or a detached single family traditional neighborhood.

Galvin inquired whether the project is different from other projects since a Request for Proposal (RFP) was not sent out. Blugerman responded that this is more a solicitation of offers and marketing efforts by the realtors. Per Blugerman's interpretation of the Vision Plan, offers for reuse of the building have been discouraged, filtering offers to those proposing a residential project. There are more projects in the background, but Blugerman feels that the two present proposals are most consistent with the plan. Schultz referenced a formal document adopted by the City Council that sets forth the goals and the basis of review, but indicated there is no particular RFP out.

Murphy requested that this topic come back to City Council in one week at the Economic Development meeting. Christiansen will get more information about both plans. Galvin advised administration to use the past document as referenced by Schultz as a guideline for preparation for the review in one week.

Cowley asked about density of both options. Christiansen summarized both projects and agrees that the duplex plan yields the most density. McShane requested that Christiansen find out the tax benefit of both projects. Christiansen agreed to do so.

Galvin requested that Christiansen talk to the developers re: the School's future plan for adjacent property. Christiansen discussed connectivity and road plans.

## **7. COUNCIL COMMENT**

No Council comment was heard.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

### **1. Motion To Adjourn**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

### **2. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**

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William E. Galvin, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_