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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on March 21, 2016, in 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. CALL TO ORDER**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Council Member	Present	
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Jeff Scott	Councilmember	Present	

**City Administration Present**

Director Demers  
Superintendent Eudy  
City Clerk Halberstadt  
Assistant to the City Manager Knowles  
City Manager Murphy  
Attorney Schultz  
Treasurer Weber

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chief Demers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

- A. Consideration of Resolution to Accept Oakland County West Nile Grant
- B. Proclamation: Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month
- C. Public Safety Monthly Report - February 2016
- D. Farmington Monthly Payments Report - February 2016
- E. Minutes

- 1. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Feb 1, 2016 7:00 PM

2. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Feb 15, 2016 6:00 PM
3. Minutes of the City Council - Regular - Feb 15, 2016 7:00 PM
4. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Feb 29, 2016 6:30 PM

#### 4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Audrey Salas, 33318 Grand River, expressed concern regarding the 3-hour parking time limit in the north lot and its impact on those who live in adjacent apartments. She discussed the burden of having to park in the Maxfield Training Center lot especially as someone who is self-employed and uses her car frequently throughout the day. She indicated she has broken her lease and will be moving to downtown Plymouth to get a parking spot. She asked Council to direct the Parking Advisory Committee to develop a more acceptable parking plan for the apartment dwellers in the downtown.

Commissioner Dwyer was present to provide an update on the activities of Oakland County.

#### 6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

##### A. Recognize Valerie Hoffman, DDA Volunteer of the Year

Mayor Galvin and City Council congratulated Valerie Hoffman for her recognition as the DDA Volunteer of the Year.

##### B. Legislative Update - State Representative Christine Greig

State Representative Greig was present to provide a legislative update. She discussed significant challenges facing the legislature including funding for Detroit Public Schools and finding a long term solution; and the Flint water crisis. She stated these two issues are casting a cloud over the budget. She is concerned there will be less money for roads even with the additional gas tax. She advised there are no hearings planned for HB 5232, a bill that would turn Historic Districts upside down. She discussed the 5% match for the Affordable Care Act under the Healthy Michigan Plan. She stated a bill regarding major TIF reform has not yet been introduced.

Representative Greig noted that Eight Mile Road will be repaired this summer with Wayne County taking the lead on that project. She also noted that the Governor requested funding to establish an Infrastructure Commission.

Council thanked Representative Greig for everything she is doing in Lansing.

Galvin stressed the importance of removing the partisanship conversation from the Flint Water crisis.

##### C. Farmington Area Arts Commission Presentation

Present: Dwayne Hayes, Susan Warner, Kathy Waun

Hayes provided an update on the activities of the Arts Commission. He stated their main initiatives including Student Art Awards and Art of the Matter. He stated the Commission has an interest in advocating for public art in the community. He advised there is an effort underway to catalogue all public art.

Responding to a question from Schneemann, Hayes stated the intent of cataloguing public art is to gain understanding of what is currently out there, when it was created, when it was put there and who it was created by. He stated based on the inventory they can determine where to place other art.

Warner discussed the public art program at the Farmington Hills City Hall. She stated local artists loan their art for two years.

Bowman mentioned she would love to see art work displayed at Farmington City Hall as part of the public art program.

Warner stated she would welcome a liaison from Farmington City Council to attend their meetings.

#### **D. Presentation of Farmington Public Safety 2015 Annual Report**

Director Demers presented a power point presentation on the 2015 Public Safety Annual Report. Some of the highlights from the report included: response time remains at 2.5 minutes; there were 6066 calls for service; Part A crimes (most serious) declined by 5.8%; 186% increase in larceny, largely a result of unlocked cars; and traffic crashes increased 3.7%.

Demers advised there was little change in crime activity attributable to apartments. He stated fire service related calls decreased to 117. He noted medical services increased from 931 in 2014 to 940.

Demers discussed implementation of new programs including: Honor Guard, Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET), Parking Enforcement, Safe Area Designation, and use of speed signs.

Responding to a question from Scott, Demers stated data is not available on single rentals, but it could be developed.

Discussion followed regarding the Safe Area Designation program and how it is publicized.

Schneemann stated the Safe Area Designation program is an excellent idea. He asked if citations would increase with the additional officers. Demers responded yes.

Responding to a question from Cowley, Demers stated truck drivers have gotten the message to circumvent the downtown.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Demers stated the Neighborhood Watch Program has been very successful. He stated it is one of the highest community supported programs in the state

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****A. Discuss House Bill 5232 Relating to Local Historic Districts Act**

Council concurred to delay a response to HB 5232 relating to Historic Districts. They will take a wait and see approach with regard to the proposed legislation.

**8. NEW BUSINESS****A. Special Event Request - Telangana Development Forum (TDF) – Detroit Chapter**

Murphy advised the city received a special event request from Raj Gaddam, organizer for the Detroit Chapter of Telangana Development Forum. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. in Shiawassee Park. They expect approximately 200 people socializing and playing games; attendees will bring food and there may be some cooking.

Responding to a question from Scott, Murphy stated there have been no past issues with this event.

**Motion to approve an event request from Raj Gaddam, Telangana Development Forum – Detroit Chapter President, to hold an event in Shiawassee Park on Saturday, June 25, 2016, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sara Bowman, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

**B. Special Event Request - Bark in the Park**

Murphy advised the city received a special event request from Farmington resident, Vera Lucksted to host "Bark in the Park," at the Riley Park Pavilion on Sunday, May 22, 2016 from noon – 4:00 p.m. Ms. Lucksted anticipates approximately 100 guests with their pets.

**Motion to approve a special event request from Vera Lucksted to hold a "Bark in the Park" event at the Riley Park Pavilion on Sunday, May 22, 2016 from noon – 4:00 p.m.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sara Bowman, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

**C. Consideration to Approve Construction Estimate No. 4 for the Twin Valley Pump Station.**

Eudy reviewed Construction Estimate No. 4 in the amount of \$97,700 for work completed on the Twin Valley Pump Station.

**Motion to approve Construction Estimate No. 4 for the reconstruction of the Twin Valley Pump Station and authorize payment in the amount of \$97,700.00, with an increase of retainage to the maximum of \$36,993.50 which is 5% of the contract.**

The votes were taken in the following order: Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott, Bowman.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

**D. Request to Approve Purchase of Two (2) 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles**

Demers reviewed a request for two Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles, one of which will be covered by drug forfeiture funds.

Responding to a question from Cowley, Demers advised there is approximately \$40K in the drug forfeiture fund.

Responding to a question from Bowman, Demers confirmed the purchase of these vehicles would not delay purchase of a fire truck.

Galvin recommended issuing a press release indicating how the city is saving taxpayers money through use of the forfeiture funds while at the same time keeping our community safe.

**Motion to approve purchase of two (2) 2016 Ford Police Interceptor utility vehicles from Gorno Ford, Woodhaven, Michigan, at a total cost of \$25,585.00 (one of the vehicles will be paid for using drug forfeiture funds).**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

The votes were taken in the following order: Galvin, Schneemann, Scott, Bowman, Cowley.

#### **F. Resolution Updating the City of Farmington's 401(A) Plan**

Weber presented reviewed proposed change to the City of Farmington/CityManager 401(a) Money Purchase Plan.

**Motion to adopt a resolution updating the City of Farmington/City Manager 401(a) Money Purchase Plan, contingent on final review by City Attorney; and appoint Treasurer Christopher M. Weber as Plan Coordinator. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sara Bowman, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

The votes were taken in the following order: Schneemann, Scott, Bowman, Cowley, Galvin.

#### **9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

Demers invited Council to attend the upcoming Public Safety Awards and Citations banquet.

Eudy announced the beginning of yard waste pick-up has been delayed by one week. He discussed Hazmat pick-up dates; additional training of all DPW staff; work zone traffic control training; and grant funding for roads.

Halberstadt discussed upcoming Mansion events and the results of the recent Presidential Primary election.

Murphy advised the city is making progress on all three labor contracts.

#### **10. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Cowley discussed a recent parking committee meeting where options were discussed for financing a parking structure.

Schneemann reminded drivers to keep the speeds down as more pedestrians are out with the warm weather. He is excited to hear that officers will insure drivers adhere to speed limits.

Bowman is looking forward to attending the upcoming MML conference in Lansing for the first time. She thanked Administration and Council for providing the opportunity.

Scott invited the community to an open house regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Galvin spoke regarding the poor condition of Michigan roads and the upcoming pothole season. He asked drivers to be cautious when Department of Public Works workers are out

doing repairs. He noted the City of Farmington recently received an award for being a safe community in which to live.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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William E. Galvin, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: April 18, 2016