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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A Regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on January 21, 2014, in City Council Chambers, 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**

<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**

Superintendent Eudy  
Director Christiansen  
City Clerk Halberstadt  
City Manager Pastue  
Director Schulz  
Treasurer Weber

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Melissa Andrade, DDA Director.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commission Dwyer was present to provide Oakland County updates. He discussed bi-partisan efforts to address gun violence that included two public service announcements: one involving ratings on video games and the other on gun safety.

Dwyer noted, Oakland County Executive, Brooks Patterson, will deliver the state of the county report on February 12th at 7pm. He further noted Oakland County is in excellent financial shape.

Dwyer noted Oakland County has several full-time and part-time positions available on its website. He also noted Oakland County library is hosting three legal aide clinics.

Dwyer spoke about the implementation of a new program, "Buy Local" funded by the County.

Irving Ginsberg, Farmington Hills resident, spoke about the lack of safety and security in Farmington Public Schools (FPS). He advised that he and another individual had the opportunity to meet with two senior officials from the Farmington School District regarding security and safety of the schools. He was stunned to find out that there are no plans for security in the schools.

Mr. Ginsberg stated the schools have not done thread analysis or anything else that most security people do. He stated they were told school officials had met with first responders from both cities to determine how quickly they could get to the schools. He will attend a Farmington Hills council meeting as well to discuss this issue. He asked that council consider talking with school officials to see if anything can be done about security before anything happens.

Sue Burstein-Kahn, Farmington Hills resident, spoke about the financial condition of Farmington Public Schools. She stated our school system doesn't just affect children, but the cities as well. She recently attended the initial FPS budget meeting for the 2014/15 school year. Unfortunately the District failed to publicize this meeting.

Ms. Burstein-Kahn discovered the finances of FPS are in an abysmal state of affairs. She stated they are anticipating a deficit of anywhere between \$9-\$16 million dollars for the upcoming school year. That is on top of deficit spending they have done for the last seven of nine years. She stated this situation affects us as homeowners, parents and residents and those making decisions for the cities.

Ms. Burstein-Kahn stated FPS has lost upwards of 1400 students over the last several years. She noted last year they budgeted a loss of 160 students and ended up losing over 400. She stated nothing is being done. She stated it is the responsibility of the cities to know what is happening in our school district. She noted this next deficit will wipe out their fund balance. She stated the district's fund balance has gone from a high of \$35 million in their 08/09 budget to what will be a deficit in this next coming year. She is asking the cities to get involved because it is about the health of the entire community.

Jim Alders, Farmington Area Jaycees, advised they would like to move the Easter Egg Hunt previously held in Heritage Park to Shiawassee Park on April 12th. He asked regarding the process for making this change.

Pastue advised Mr. Alders to complete a special event application with the City Manager's office.

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

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

- 1. Special Joint Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2013**
- 2. Minutes of the City Council - Special Study Session - Dec 16, 2013 6:00 PM**
- 3. Minutes of the City Council - Regular - Dec 16, 2013 7:00 PM**
- 4. Minutes of the City Council - Special Study Session - Jan 6, 2014 7:00 PM**
- 5. Farmington Monthly Payments Report, December 2013**
- 6. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report, December 2013**
- 7. Consideration to Renew Southeast Michigan Council of Government Membership**
- 8. Consideration to Accept Resignation of Duane Reynolds from the Farmington Board of Review**
- 9. Special Event Request - Walk to End Blindness**
- 10. Special Event Request - Walk for Life**

## **5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

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

## **6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **1. Special Event Request - DWNTWN 2014**

Austin Godwin was present to discuss his special event request to hold a concert, DWNTWN 2014, in the Sundquist Pavilion at Riley Park on Saturday, June 21st.

Schneemann asked if there will be an effort to increase attendance over last year.

Mr. Godwin responded that he expected approximately 250 to attend which would be about the same as last year. He stated they will once again pre-sell

wristbands for the concert which gives them control over the number of attendees.

Responding to a question from Schneemann, Schulz stated there were no public safety issues related to the event last year.

Responding to a question from McShane, Mr. Godwin stated the format will be the same as last year.

McShane noted she attended the event last year and everything seemed to be under control. She stated it is a great event.

Cowley expressed concern regarding security and number of attendees at the event, especially given the use of facebook and twitter to publicize it.

Mr. Godwin responded that the pre-sold wristbands limiting the number of attendees combined with several parents on site should provide adequate security.

Cowley asked regarding who receives the profits from the concert.

John Godwin, Austin's father, indicated no profit was realized from the concert last year. He stated they will take direction from Director Schulz regarding security of the event.

Schulz stated if ticket sales significantly exceed last year he would recommend the addition of security guards.

Cowley indicated he would like to see a charity involved with this event.

**Motion to approve a special event request to hold a concert, DWNTWN 2014, at the Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park scheduled for Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM.**

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

## **2. SMART - Steve Brown, Oakland County Ombudsman**

Steve Brown, Oakland County Ombudsman, spoke about the success of the new Dial-A-Ride service that was implemented in Farmington and Farmington Hills. He also discussed the structure and positive impact of the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). He noted a SMART millage renewal scheduled for the August Primary election.

Mr. Brown advised SMART is averaging 1800 rides per month or 21,600 per year for the cities of Farmington/Farmington Hills . He stated they originally

projected providing 4400 rides per year. He commented there has been a great reception to the service.

Responding to a question from Scott, Mr. Brown stated SMART has no plans to reduce service.

In reference to the RTA, McShane noted a Transportation Providers Advisory Council was created with participation from SMART. She understood that they have received \$5.2 million in federal funding for investment in improved mobility for the region's seniors and disabled citizens. She asked Mr. Brown to explain SMART's role on this Council and how Farmington will participate in the distribution of the federal funding.

Mr. Brown responded that he is unfamiliar with the funding and follow-up research would be necessary before he can respond.

Responding to a question from Schneemann, Mr. Brown stated information on Dial-A-Ride can be found on the SMART website.

Cowley stated he is pleased with the ridership numbers of Dial-A-Ride. He complimented SMART on implementing this service and responding to the needs of the community. He asked about the financial burden of this service to SMART.

Mr. Brown responded that the goal of SMART is that ridership fees should cover 20% of the overall cost, however, currently it is in the 15-16% range. He stated Dial-A-Ride is a premium service that has become important to the Farmington/Farmington Hills community.

Discussion followed regarding the role and importance of RTA going forward.

## **7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **1. Consideration to Amend Ordinance #C-774-2013 Dealing with the Number of Sections in the City Code**

City Administration advised after Ordinance C-774-2013 was adopted it was discovered that the number for some of the sections was incorrect. This amended ordinance provides the corrected section numbers.

**Motion to adopt ordinance C-774-2013 as amended to correct section numbers that were labeled incorrectly in the original adopted ordinance.**

[SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE].

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

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem  
**SECONDER:** JoAnne McShane, Councilmember  
**AYES:** Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Consideration to Adopt Resolution Authorizing Wine Sampling at Farmers Market

City Administration reviewed a resolution authorizing wine sampling at the Farmers Market.

Responding to a question from McShane, Pastue stated the city is looking at wine sampling at the Farmers Market as a permanent feature. He advised the city will regularly monitor and evaluate its viability and success.

**Motion to adopt a resolution authorizing wine sampling at the Farmers and Artisans Market, and authorize the Market Master and Public Safety Director to approve Michigan Liquor Control Commission permit applications on behalf of the City. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. CRM 01-14-001**

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

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** JoAnne McShane, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem  
**AYES:** Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

### 2. Consideration of Resolution to Set Regular Monthly Day and Time to Conduct Interviews for Boards and Commissions

City Administration reviewed a resolution to set a regular time and date for Council to interview board and commission candidates.

**Motion to adopt a resolution reaffirming the City Council's practice of interviewing candidates for boards and commissions and to set a regular date and time to schedule interviews. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION] CRM 01-14-002**

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

**RESULT:**       **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**        Jeff Scott, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:**   Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem  
**AYES:**         Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

### 3. Board and Committee Appointments

City Administration reviewed recommended appointments to boards and commissions.

**Motion to appoint Councilmember Jeff Scott as the Mayor's delegate to the Corridor Improvement Authority; appoint Steve Majoros to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2015; and appoint Tom Buck and Kathy Platzke to the Downtown Development Authority for terms expiring February 28, 2016.**

Galvin thanked Councilmember Scott for serving as his delegate to the Corridor Improvement Authority. He identified several current openings on boards and commissions.

**RESULT:**       **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:**        Greg Cowley, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:**   Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem  
**AYES:**         Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

### 9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Schulz reminded residents to wear appropriate clothing in the bitter cold to avoid frost bite. He expressed caution to those residents using auxiliary heat to make sure space heaters are plugged in properly and away from anything flammable.

Eudy reminded residents to maintain heat in areas near water heaters. He announced the ice rink is open; crews have been working round the clock for snow removal; and he met with Farmington Hills staff regarding salt truck purchases.

Christiansen advised the Farmington Public Schools has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Flanders property with a submission deadline of January 28th. He indicated the city has met with several interested developers regarding the property. He stated the interest is for single family development.

Christiansen further advised an RFP was issued for the Orchards second phase with a submission deadline of March 7th. He has met with several interested developers for that property as well. He is looking for more activity in the city in the Spring.

Pastue noted how remarkable it is for public works departments from other communities to work together on storm events. He recognized Chuck Eudy, Annette Knowles and volunteers for all their effort to install and open the ice rink.

**10.COUNCIL COMMENT**

Cowley, on behalf of John Cowley and Sons restaurant, presented a \$1500 check to representatives of the Ice Rink Committee, Melissa Andrade, Valerie Hoffman and Mellissa McKenna. The check represented proceeds from a recent fundraiser for the ice rink.

Melissa Andrade stated at least 50 people attended the event and a donation of \$700 was also received that night.

Schneemann noted the importance of keeping sidewalks cleared during inclement weather. He stated his family has enjoyed the ice rink numerous times since it has been open. He believes it will begin to transform the way our downtown operates and feels from a public and enterprise perspective as it becomes more widely known. He noted the rink is a work-in-progress and will continue to get better and better.

Galvin announced Duane Reynolds has resigned from the Board of Review due to a move outside of the community. He thanked Mr. Reynolds for his significant service to our city.

Galvin echoed recent comments made by Governor Snyder encouraging everyone to use civility in dealing with each other and practice respectful public discourse.

**11.ADJOURNMENT**

**1. Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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Mayor William Galvin

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: February 17, 2014