



FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on January 16, 2018, 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 7:06 PM by Mayor Steve 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
- Superintendent Eudy
- City Clerk Halberstadt
- DDA Director Knight
- City Manager Murphy
- City Attorney Schultz
- City Treasurer Weber

Mayor Schneemann requested a moment of silence in memory of George Riley.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jessica Howard of OHM led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consideration to approve amendment to resolution assigning members to serve on various boards and committees**
- B. Accept minutes from City’s boards and commissions: Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority and Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority**

- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- E. Quarterly Building Department Report
- F. City Council meeting minutes
 - Special – December 18, 2017
 - Regular – December 18, 2017

Move to approve items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Galvin, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as amended, moving Item D, Consideration to approve redevelopment liquor license for Sidecar Farmington, LLC, in front of Item C, Acceptance of updated Downtown Master Plan 2016.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Galvin Councilmember

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to approve the 2018 DDA Event Calendar

Director Knight was present to answer questions regarding the 2018 DDA Event Calendar.

Responding to LaRussa, Knight advised the Small Business Saturday and Ladies Night Out were not included in the resolution since they have no special conditions attached to them such as street closures.

Move to adopt a resolution approving the 2018 DDA Community Events Calendar, temporary liquor license applications, street closures and designated sidewalk shopping dates as presented. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bowman Councilmember
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Councilmember

B. Consideration to approve the 2018 Farmington Farmers Market dates and hours of operation

Galvin commended Gajewski, Market Manager, for shortening the market from 29 to 25 weeks. He discussed the concerns expressed by some businesses that they are in direct competition with the market. He stated they can now point out that a month was removed from the schedule without reducing the value of the market to the community.

Galvin congratulated Gajewski and the market volunteers for being the number one Farmers Market in Southeast Michigan last year. He stated there is an opportunity to adjust the fee schedule that the Market charges to the vendors. He noted local businesses, unlike vendors, pay property taxes and the Principal Shopping District assessment.

Bowman noted the market is celebrating its 25th year serving the Farmington community.

Move to approve the 2018 dates for the Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market to be held in Riley Park and the Sundquist Pavilion beginning Saturday, May 19 and ending Saturday, November 3 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. weekly; with the understanding that it may relocate to the Huron River Club, Saturday July 19th to accommodate the Greater Farmington Area Founders Festival.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Galvin, Councilmember

C. Consideration to approve redevelopment liquor license for Sidecar Farmington, LLC.

Present: Scot Pelc, owner of Sidecar Slider Bar Restaurant

Knight advised Scot Pelc of Sidecar Slider Bar Restaurant is seeking a Redevelopment Liquor License, available under Public Act 501 of 2006. She indicated the restaurant will be located in the downtown at 32720 Grand River Avenue in the Village Commons.

Mayor Schneemann invited Mr. Pelc to the podium to discuss his request and answer questions from Council.

Pelc spoke about his restaurant concept and their upcoming location in Farmington. He noted his restaurant will include sale of craft beer and wine.

Responding to Galvin, Pelc stated he expects to take possession of the keys to the business on February 1st and is looking to open sometime in April. He stated the restaurant will seat 100 people with 40-50 more for outdoor seating.

Bowman welcomed Mr. Pelc and his restaurant to the City.

Responding to Bowman, Christiansen stated Mr. Pelc would need to apply for a new sign and re-apply for outdoor seating.

Responding to Bowman, Knight confirmed this is a new request for a liquor license.

Move to authorize submittal of documentation for a Redevelopment Liquor License for Sidecar Farmington, LLC, d/b/a Sidecar Slider Bar, 32720 Grand River Avenue.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Councilmember

Consideration to adopt a resolution recommending approval of Redevelopment Liquor License for Sidecar Farmington, LLC, d/b/a Sidecar Slider Bar, 32720 Grand River Avenue. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]

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

D. Acceptance of updated Downtown Master Plan 2016

Knight advised the DDA has made modifications to the Downtown Master Plan as a result of the updated parking study provided by Walker Parking Consultants. The DDA Board is looking for Council's review and acceptance of the modified plan.

Taylor offered some recommended changes to the Plan that included: removal of a proposed parking structure in order to be consistent with the goals of Council; remove development in the T.J. Maxx parking lot; and does not support commercial development of City Hall property. She does not object to renovating City Hall and does not believe there is widespread support for its relocation.

Taylor stated she would be hesitant to support the plan until modifications can be made.

Christiansen advised the modified Plan was presented to Council for informational purposes only. The only action requested from Council is to accept the plan. He stated it has already gone through the various stages and approvals that are necessary. He advised this is a tool and guide which can be modified. He stated all of the sub-plans of the city, i.e. Downtown Plan, Recreation Plan, etc. will be incorporated into the City Master Plan and that plan will go through the statutory process for approval.

Galvin noted the importance of including the Walker Parking Study into the Downtown Master Plan.

LaRussa advised this is just one of many planning tools the City will use. He stated there is significant value in the document, but it will be modified. He stated it is time to update the City tools and prepare for the final planning process. He thanked the City and Schneemann in leading this effort.

Bowman discussed the purpose of the Walker Study and how it provides the city with facts and information. The document is a combination of citizen input and hard data. She emphasized this document is simply a tool and a direction for the downtown.

Schneemann thanked staff for the presentation and volunteers who helped put the plan together.

Move to accept the 2016 Downtown Master Plan with modifications as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

7. DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Christiansen stated the Economic and Community Development Department has been very active this year. A number of new developments are moving forward including the courthouse property, revised plans from MTC, and the 2-story medical office building at Halsted and Grand River. His office has received inquiries regarding shopping center sites throughout the city. An RFP will go out for updating the city master plan soon. He stated that a high number of permits are being issued, as well.

Bowman asked how many residential code violations for snow removal have been issued. Christiansen did not have the exact number, but stated it is an ongoing area of focus.

Discussion followed regarding code enforcement.

Galvin is concerned about the status of the MTC. He stated no one knows what is happening with the site. He spoke about community anxiety regarding this project. We need more communication from the developer and increased communication to the public regarding this project.

Christiansen stated the goal is to get the right project which means waiting for the right plans. He noted there have been a number of changes to the plans that have taken place. He stated when his department has something to share they will. He anticipates hearing from the developer soon and going back to the Planning Commission to continue the process.

Galvin requested that Christiansen's department keep in communication with developer, let him know there is an Economic and Community Development meeting on January 29th which would be an ideal time to inform the public.

Eudy thanked Council and staff for their patience while his department is understaffed and dealing with an unusually cold and snowy winter. He cautioned homeowners to not turn down their thermostats to the point where their pipes may freeze. He cited the significant number of hours worked by his staff over the last few months. They have been operating at 70% capacity.

Council thanked Eudy and his staff for their significant efforts in providing service under extenuating circumstances.

Weber stated the budget process is underway in the Treasurer's office.

Murphy spoke about the success of the recent Martin Luther King remembrance event at the Farmington Library.

8. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

LaRussa thanked City Administration for being committed to the residents of Farmington. He would like to continue with a sense of urgency to get projects completed.

Taylor stated she is looking forward to discussing the Downtown Master Plan further in the future.

Galvin acknowledged Doug Reynolds, a member of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, regarding a non-profit Bystanders Response highlighted in USA Today.

Schneemann spoke about the 5-year forecast prepared by the Treasurer's office. He discussed challenges that the city faces. He stated dialogue needs to take place with citizens to determine how to meet these challenges. He noted this will be an ongoing discussion. He stated we are working very hard to ensure the city remains sustainable.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Steve Schneemann, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: February 20, 2018

DRAFT RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S 2018 EVENT CALENDAR WHICH INCLUDES DATES, TIMES, LOCATIONS, AUTHORIZATION FOR ROAD CLOSURES, AND AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR TEMPORARY LIQUOR LICENSES.

WHEREAS, the Farmington Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has approved a 2018 schedule of events which includes: Art on the Grand, Rhythmz in Riley Park, Lunch Beats and the Harvest Moon Celebration, and

WHEREAS, the DDA requests approval for the entire year to assist their efforts with planning, cross promoting, and sponsorship opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed calendar of events will require authorization from the City Council to close roads for certain events and to authorize the DDA to apply for temporary liquor licenses.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Farmington City Council hereby approves the DDA's 2018 Calendar of Community Events with the following conditions:

1. **Art on the Grand**

Days: Saturday, June 2, 10am-7pm, and Sunday, June 3, 11am-5pm

Location: Closure of Grand River (from Farmington Rd. to Grove St.) and Market Place from Grand River to alley to the south of 33171 Grand River Avenue (Tubby's)

Other: Hold the State of Michigan Department of Transportation harmless for liability, which may result in the closing of Grand River and authorize City departments to provide the service required for the Art on the Grand.

2. **Rhythmz in Riley Park**

Days: Fridays, June 8 – August 24 (no concert on July 20 during Founders Festival), hours 7-8:30pm

Location: Pavilion area and Riley Park

3. **Lunch Beats**

Days: Wednesdays, June 6- August 8, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Location: Pavilion Area and Riley Park

3. **Harvest Moon Celebration**

Days: Thursday, September 20 and Friday, September 21; hours both nights 6pm-11pm

Location: Pavilion/Riley Park area and the adjacent parking lot

Temporary Liquor License: Authorization for the DDA to apply for a temporary liquor license September 20 and 21.

4. **Sidewalk Shopping**

The Farmington DDA requests to implement downtown-wide Sidewalk Shopping on *any* event day during 2018.



Local Government Approval
(Authorized by MCL 436.1501)

Instructions for Applicants:

- You must obtain a recommendation from the local legislative body for a new on-premises license application, certain types of license classification transfers, and/or a new banquet facility permit.

Instructions for Local Legislative Body:

- Complete this resolution or provide a resolution, along with certification from the clerk or adopted minutes from the meeting at which this request was considered.

At a regular meeting of the City of Farmington council/board
(regular or special) (township, city, village)
called to order by Mayor Schneemann on January 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
(date) (time)

the following resolution was offered:

Moved by Councilmember LaRussa and supported by Councilmember Taylor

that the application from Sidecar Farmington, LLC (DBA Sidecar Slider Bar)
(name of applicant)

for the following license(s): new Class C license under 436.1521 (a)1(b)
(list specific licenses requested)

to be located at: 32720 Grand River Avenue, Farmington, Michigan 48336

and the following permit, if applied for:

Banquet Facility Permit Address of Banquet Facility: _____

It is the consensus of this body that it recommends this application be considered for
(recommends/does not recommend)

approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

If disapproved, the reasons for disapproval are _____

Vote

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and is a complete copy of the resolution offered and adopted by the Farmington City
council/board at a regular meeting held on January 16, 2018 (township, city, village)
(regular or special) (date)

Susan K. Halberstadt

January 17, 2018

Print Name of Clerk

Signature of Clerk

Date

Under Article IV, Section 40, of the Constitution of Michigan (1963), the Commission shall exercise complete control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, including the retail sales thereof, subject to statutory limitations. Further, the Commission shall have the sole right, power, and duty to control the alcoholic beverage traffic and traffic in other alcoholic liquor within this state, including the licensure of businesses and individuals.

Please return this completed form along with any corresponding documents to:

Michigan Liquor Control Commission

Mailing address: P.O. Box 30005, Lansing, MI 48909

Hand deliveries or overnight packages: Constitution Hall - 525 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI 48933

Fax to: 517-763-0059