



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2018
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on May 7, 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 7:00 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	Absent	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

DDA Director Knight
City Treasurer Weber
City Clerk Halberstadt
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Saarela

2. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **Consideration to accept the resignations of Mike Fera and John Perry from the Downtown Farmington Parking Advisory Committee**
- b. **Consideration to accept the resignation of James Gallagher from the Zoning Board of Appeals**
- c. **Consideration to accept the resignation of Suzanne Paul from the Library Board**
- d. **Consideration to approve Special Event Application for Farmington Community Library's Family Fun in Riley Park**
- e. **Consideration to approve Special Event Application for Farmington Community Library's Pavilion Story Time**
- f. **Consideration to approve Special Event Application for the Allstate Insurance annual picnic**
- g. **Consideration to approve Special Event Application for Farmington Public Schools Back to School Celebration**

Move to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**Move to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented.**

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

5. SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION - FRIENDS OF FASD 5K

Present: Kari Jo Wagner

Wagner discussed her charity, Friends of FASD, that sponsors programs that support infants with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. Her goal is to not only raise funds, but also raise awareness of this disease.

Move to approve the Special Event Application from Friends of FASD 5K to hold a fundraising event in Shiawassee Park, 6 a.m. until noon, on Saturday, September 15, 2018.

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

6. CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE A NEW SCREEN FOR THE FARMINGTON CIVIC THEATERS

Present: Scott Freeman, Civic Theatre Manager

Freeman discussed reasons why a new motorized screen replacement is necessary. He briefly reviewed the three quotes he secured, noting his recommendation is the lowest bid.

Move to approve quote from Entertainment Supply & Technologies in the amount of \$15,350 for a new screen, removal of old screen, installation of new Severtson screen and an estimated \$1000 shipping cost for a total of \$16, 350.

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

7. FARMINGTON DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BUDGET PRESENTATION

Director Knight provided an overview of the DDA FY2018-19 budget and highlighted upcoming events.

Galvin asked about the strategy of returning the DDA Director position to the DDA. Murphy responded that position will go back to the DDA effective July 1st.

Galvin asked if the \$80,000 for Oakland Street is firm. Knight responded that the DDA expects to add more funds to this project as it moves forward.

Galvin suggested allocating the General Fund balance now which would show the DDA is spending money in the downtown. He stated the Parking Advisory Committee is continuing to work with the DDA to find more parking spaces.

Taylor asked about the matching percentage between the DDA and City for funding the Oakland Street project. Schneemann responded no percentage has been discussed. Weber commented on the different aspects of the project for which each entity will be responsible.

Responding to Galvin, Murphy stated the cost to re-seed Riley Park is approximately \$5600.

Galvin noted the grass at Riley Park will never be viable because of foot traffic. He recommended the DDA look at other options for the park.

Discussion followed regarding the option of artificial turf and the viability of the current program for re-seeding the park.

8. DISCUSSION – CITY COUNCIL’S BUDGET

Galvin discussed the context under which he recommended a review of the City Council budget.

Responding to Taylor, Weber discussed how memberships and subscriptions were scrutinized in 2010.

Bowman discussed the line item "various other events" and believes it is the most important because it covers attending events that reach out to the community. She expressed support for the proposed budget.

Taylor concurred with Bowman that she would not cut any organizations to which the city currently belongs. She does not support funding the golf outing or the gala given the cost. She does not believe the Council should be compensated for these events. Taylor believes Council should pay for attending the events out of their annual compensation.

Galvin stated Council's presence at the Community Promotion events is very important. He stated cuts could be made to the Professional Development/Conferences. He doesn't believe all Councilmembers need to attend the MML conference. He suggested two people attend the conference. He noted all of the education materials are on the MML website.

Murphy discussed the importance of attending the MML conference in terms of networking.

Taylor suggested Councilmembers pay for their own meals and hotel when attending a MML conference.

Schneemann expressed opposition against taking away from the benevolent fund. He discussed the importance of conference attendance. He believes that is where trust is built with other communities. He stated any one of the councilmembers could give back their stipend.

Bowman offered to give her stipend back. Galvin respectfully asked Bowman to reconsider, due to the amount of time and effort she puts into going to events on the City's behalf.

Taylor would like to see Councilmembers adopt a uniform policy regarding giving back their stipend. She asked how it is determined what events Council will attend at the City cost. She asked if a Councilmember could be reimbursed for attending an event that is not on the list.

Weber stated an event has to be a benefit to the City.

Bowman asked about an event that the city pays for and the Councilmember does not attend; would that Councilmember need to reimburse the City.

Murphy stated that could be added to Council Rules and Procedures.

Galvin stated the overarching concept is to make sure we are using taxpayer dollars wisely.

Murphy stated he can reduce miscellaneous expense and gala costs by 50%.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

10. COUNCIL COMMENT

Galvin spoke about his attendance at sobriety court and how that program changes the lives of the participants. He discussed the vacancy on the Library Board as a result of a recent resignation. He thinks the City should go slowly, patiently and interview multiple people.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Steve Schneemann, Mayor

Susan Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: May 21, 2018