



**Special City Council Meeting
6:00 PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015
Conference Room
Farmington City Hall
23600 Liberty St
Farmington, MI 48335**

FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on October 19, 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

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
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
Director Eudy
City Clerk Halberstadt
City Manager Murphy

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as amended, adding the maintenance of the Methodist Church parking lot as Agenda Item No. 6, and renumbering subsequent agenda items.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. INTERVIEW CANDIDATE FOR FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION

Council interviewed Cathi Waun for a position on the Arts Commission.

A. Interview Candidate for Farmington Area Arts Commission

Motion to appoint Cathi Waun to the Arts Commission for a three-year term

ending June 30, 2018.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. OHM: On Street Parking

Present: Matt Parks, OHM

Parks provided Council with the Grand River Road diet data results. He stated Grand River is absolutely right for some kind of a road diet down the road.

Parks advised a proposed road diet would eliminate the second eastbound through lane, providing space for additional street enhancements. He stated in order to better define the impacts of the removal of this travel lane a trial closure was requested by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Parks stated the collected data from the trial closure was processed and reviewed by OHM Advisors. Traffic volumes with the lane closed were within 5% of the volume with the lane open. This is within the normal daily traffic fluctuations and indicates that the closure of the lane did not cause a substantial number of people to alter their routes.

Parks informed Council that MDOT is planning a mill and overlay project on Grand River in 2017. He stated this would be a great opportunity to incorporate various road diet pavement markings. This provides an excellent opportunity to test a road diet prior to spending significant money on a total reconstruct.

Scott discussed the importance of communicating to MDOT the City's objective of reducing a lane on Grand River, moving towards road quieting, and promoting a more pedestrian-friendly community.

Responding to a question from Schneemann, Parks confirmed data supports reducing a west-bound lane on Grand River west of Farmington Road.

Schneemann stated that in addition to reducing both eastbound and westbound lanes on Grand River from Farmington Road to Shiawassee, he would like to see a 25 mph speed limit.

Schneemann asked who is responsible for ensuring the city's desire for bike lanes, road diet, etc. is communicated to MDOT so that it is part of the 2017 mill and overlay project.

Parks advised a committee including himself, city representatives and a Councilmember should be formed to ensure the pressure stays on MDOT to address the city's objectives for Grand River. He stated MDOT will start the planning process of the mill and overlay sometime early 2016.

Schneemann noted this is a high priority that will change the downtown and the way in

which it is used.

McShane pointed out other cities have done the type of road diet Farmington is considering. She asked if any consideration has been given to diverting traffic to M-5 through signage or otherwise.

Discussion followed regarding the need for increased walkability and pedestrian safety at crosswalks.

B. Recycling update, Miss Farmington Sydney Schrand

Sydney Schrand, 2015 Miss Farmington, was present to provide an update on a recycling survey conducted on the downtown businesses. She advised a majority of the businesses supported recycling.

Gina Adams-Levy, representing the charity, "Peace, Love and Planet", was also present to discuss some of the barriers to recycling and how they can be overcome.

6. MAINTENANCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH PARKING LOT

1. Motion to approve a bid from Surface Sealing, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$6600 for repairs to the Methodist Church parking lot.

Eudy advised the City through a mutual understanding with the First Methodist Church is responsible for maintenance of their parking lot that includes sealcoating and striping. He stated the Church has advised the City that repairs are necessary to avoid injuries due to the uneven condition of the lot.

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

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

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Brian Belesky, Audio/Visual specialist for the City, discussed some of the features of the new recording system recently installed in the council chambers. He requested council members speak directly into the microphones.

8. COUNCIL COMMENT

No council comment was heard.

9. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER: Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES: Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

William E. Galvin, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____