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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A Regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on June 3, 2013, 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 J.T. Buck.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
J.T. Buck	Mayor	Present	
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
JoAnne McShane	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Treasurer Weber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Move to approve the items on the consent agenda as presented.

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

A. Approve Public Works and Water Sewer Department Quarterly Report

B. Request for "Tag Days" - Fundraising Event**5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Move to approve the agenda as amended adding Item No. 8K - Cancel Regular Meeting and Schedule Two Special Meetings.

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

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS**A. Special Event Request - DWNTWN/Crys Cloud**

Austin Godwin was present to discuss his request to hold a concert at the Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park on June 22, 2013.

Council expressed concern regarding the lack of a security plan for the event and the construction taking place on Grove Street near the park.

Council expressed strong support for such an event, but recommended Mr Godwin work with the Department of Public Safety in developing a security plan.

McShane recommended the city develop a policy regarding this type of special event request and apply a fee as well.

John Godwin, Austin's father, requested clarification on how the issues concerning the event should be addressed.

B. Special Event Request for Telangana Development Forum (TDF) - Detroit Chapter

Pastue reviewed a special event request from Telangana Development Forum to hold a gathering in Shiawassee Park. He indicated there would be about 200 people at the event.

McShane expressed concern regarding parking.

Schulz advised the park can easily handle 200 people.

Move to approve a special event request from the Telangana Development Forum to hold a Vanabhojanalu (Indian Religious Event) at Shiawassee Park on Saturday, June 15, 2013, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES: J.T. Buck, Greg Cowley, William Galvin, JoAnne McShane

C. Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget and Millage Rates

Pastue reviewed the proposed FY2013-14 budget and millage rates.

Motion to Open the Public Hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER: Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES: J.T. Buck, Greg Cowley, William Galvin, JoAnne McShane

Hearing no public comment Buck asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

Motion to close the public hearing.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER: William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: J.T. Buck, Greg Cowley, William Galvin, JoAnne McShane

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was heard.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration to Amend Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget

Pastue reviewed the proposed amendments to the FY2012-13 budget.

Galvin questioned the source of the \$250k transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Pastue responded this one time transfer is the result of a combination of a disbursement from the City's risk management carrier, projects where the money was not transferred, and overall expenditures were not as high as anticipated.

Move to adopt a resolution to amend the FY2012/13 budget as presented. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION] CMR 06-13-018

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

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
AYES: J.T. Buck, Greg Cowley, William Galvin, JoAnne McShane

B. Consideration to Amend Fiscal Year 2012-13 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Corridor Improvement Authority Budgets

Pastue reviewed the proposed amendments to the FY2012-13 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Corridor Improvement Authority Budgets.

Move to amend FY2012-13 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and Corridor Improvement Authority budgets as presented. [SEE ATTACHED BUDGETS]. CMR 06-13-019

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

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER: William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: J.T. Buck, Greg Cowley, William Galvin, JoAnne McShane

C. Consideration of Resolution to Adopt Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget and Millage Rates

Galvin asked if there was some way the city could dedicate a portion of the millage to the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF).

Pastue indicated the city has been in a 3-year survival plan and he believes the worst of the storm is over. He stated with this proposed budget serious consideration was given to dedicating millage to the CIF, however, given the unknown relative to changes in personal property tax he decided to hold back. He will continue to review and evaluate funding the CIF.

Galvin noted a change in the tone of conversation and Council's increasing positive outlook. He believes the CIF is a barometer for the financial health of the city. He further believes the city should be able to find at least 1/10th of a mil to dedicate to the fund. He stated this may not make a large dent in funding the CIF, but it starts the attitude shift towards recognizing its importance.

Cowley congratulated Pastue and his staff on managing a tough budget. He agreed with Galvin on the importance of funding the CIF. He stated the need to be vigilant in growing revenue and managing expenses. He pointed out the budget was balanced because of the consolidation of dispatch. He noted retiree healthcare is a bigger issue than CIF.

McShane thanked Pastue, Weber and staff for the wonderful job they have done not only this year, but over the last several difficult years. She is encouraged

this year that the city budget is stable with a healthy 25% fund balance. She noted employees have made great sacrifices over the last several years to help the city get through difficult times. She expressed concern over any consideration to cut millage rates right now, noting DPS previously had fourteen employees, now they have five. She believes the Visioning Session will provide direction for the city in terms of the priorities of the residents. The city will continue to be diligent in cutting costs, finding new revenues and being prudent in spending money.

Buck stated the Farmington staff has done an extraordinary job developing budgets that work in very difficult times. He noted during those times the city continued to keep a pulse on development. He pointed out nine projects currently in the works. He noted the community has been kept safe, city funds have been managed responsibly, and services have been maintained.

Move to adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2013-14 Budget and Millage rates as presented. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION] CMR 06-13-020

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES:	J.T. Buck, Greg Cowley, JoAnne McShane
NAYS:	William Galvin

D. Consideration to Adopt DDA's 2013-14 Budget & PSD Special Assessment

Pastue reviewed the proposed FY 2013-14 Downtown Development Authority Budget.

Move to approve a resolution to adopt the FY 2013-14 budget for the Farmington Downtown Development Authority. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. CMR 06-13-021

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES:	J.T. Buck, Greg Cowley, William Galvin, JoAnne McShane

E. Consideration to Adopt Fiscal Year 2013-14 Joint Agency Budgets

Pastue reviewed the proposed FY 2013-14 budget for the 47th District Court, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and joint agency budgets.

Responding to a question from McShane, Pastue stated there was little to no increase to the joint agency budgets, a \$25k increase for the 47th District Court, a reduction of \$1200 to the Brownfield Redevelopment budget, and this is the first year for the Corridor Improvement Authority.

Responding to a further question from McShane, Pastue stated the increase in court costs has to do with the formula on how the two cities divide their share. He noted there was an overall reduction in the court's budget.

McShane pointed out the increase was due to decreased activities from Farmington Hills in terms of court cases, traffic citations, etc. She expressed concern regarding the increase in cost to Farmington. She would like the city to meet with the court to determine if there are options in reducing costs.

Galvin stated the issue is how to make the cost sharing arrangement between the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills equitable.

Discussion followed regarding how the 47th District Court compares to other courts in terms of caseloads, costs, etc.

Buck suggested scheduling a meeting with the court for the next budget cycle. He noted the court has an excellent reputation in the state for running a very tight operation. He stated they are very community oriented and bring innovative programs to the community. He noted the pressures of the budget causes the city to look at the court costs.

Move to adopt FY 2013-14 budget resolution for the 47th District Court, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, and joint agency budgets as presented. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. CMR 06-13-022

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	J.T. Buck, Greg Cowley, William Galvin, JoAnne McShane

F. Consideration to Adopt Resolution to Amend Residential Refuse/Recycling User Charge

Pastue reviewed resolution to amend Residential Refuse/Recycling User Charge effective July 1, 2013.

Move to adopt resolution to amend the Residential Refuse/Recycling User Charge effective July 1, 2013. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION] CMR 06-13-023

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
AYES:	J.T. Buck, Greg Cowley, William Galvin, JoAnne McShane

G. Consideration to Introduce Ordinance C-769-2013 Amending Traffic Control Orders

Pastue advised the city first adopted traffic control orders in the 1970's and numerous amendments have been made over the years. He discussed the major changes made to the control orders in this comprehensive amendment.

Responding to a question from Cowley, Director Schulz stated the only adjustments made to parking were outside of the downtown.

Move to introduce Ordinance C-769-2013 to approve a comprehensive amendment to the City's Traffic Control Orders and authorize future amendments to be approved by resolution. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE].

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER:	William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	J.T. Buck, Greg Cowley, William Galvin, JoAnne McShane

H. Consideration to Approve Renewal of City Assessing Services Agreement with Oakland County Equalization Division

Pastue advised the contract with the Oakland County Equalization Division to provide annual assessment of real and personal property is for three years ending June 30, 2016.

Move to approve 2013-2016 contract with the Oakland County Equalization Division to provide City Assessing Services for both real and personal property and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. [SEE ATTACHED CONTRACT]. CMR 06-13-024

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

RESULT: **APPROVED [3 TO 1]**
MOVER: William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
AYES: J.T. Buck, William Galvin, JoAnne McShane
NAYS: Greg Cowley

I. Consideration to Appoint Council Member to Serve as SEMCOG Representative

Mayor Buck volunteered to replace Kristin Kuiken as a delegate to serve on the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Board of Directors until a replacement can be found.

Move to appoint Mayor Buck to serve on the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) Board of Directors.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
SECONDER: William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: J.T. Buck, Greg Cowley, William Galvin, JoAnne McShane

J. Consideration to Schedule a Public Hearing to Consider Offer to Purchase Old 47Th District Courthouse Property

Pastue recommended placing the public hearing for the courthouse property on the June 24th meeting agenda.

Galvin requested the administration invite those who have made offers on the property to attend the public hearing as well as the surrounding residents of same.

Move to authorize the City Manager to schedule a public hearing for June 24, 2013 at 6pm to consider an offer to purchase the old 47th District Courthouse property.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES: J.T. Buck, Greg Cowley, William Galvin, JoAnne McShane

K. Cancel Regular Meeting and Schedule Two Special Meetings

Motion to cancel the June 17, 2013 Regular Meeting and Schedule two Special Meetings on July 21, 2013 at 8:00 AM and July 24, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
AYES:	J.T. Buck, Greg Cowley, William Galvin, JoAnne McShane

9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Halberstadt announced the upcoming Porch Party at the Mansion on June 13th, 7-9PM. She also noted the upcoming August 6th special election for the School Bond Proposal.

Christiansen provided updates on the Grove Street project, Drakeshire Center project, and the status of the auction that will take place at the Farmington Tennis Club on June 19th.

10. COUNCIL COMMENT

McShane recognized the success of the recent art fair in the downtown. She thanked everyone who was involved. She would like the city to develop a policy for anyone who uses city facilities so we are careful not to discriminate. She stated the city should review associated fees and how they are applied.

Cowley congratulated everyone who participated in Art on the Grand. He was able to see the destination strategy played out at the event. He noted there were a number of people who attended that were in Farmington for the first time.

Cowley reminded everyone about the next Visioning Meeting scheduled for the following Wednesday evening at the Masonic Lodge. He complimented Farmington and past Councils for doing well with less. He spoke about the upcoming election on the School bond millage. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Galvin advised he voted no on the FY 2013-14 budget not as a way to diminish the efforts City Administration has put into the budget, but to highlight the need for dedicated millage to the Capital Improvement Fund. He further discussed the importance of the Capital Improvement Fund.

Buck expressed appreciation for the effort put forth by the Department of Public Safety in updating the Traffic Control Ordinance.

Buck noted the upcoming budget includes a 2% increase in employee wages, but pointed out that three years ago they took a 5% decrease in wages and benefits. He is gratified to see that the city has turned a corner where some of the funds sacrificed by employees are being restored.

Buck requested further study on merchant parking during the Farmers Market. He noted the city has tried a couple of different solutions, but he is not convinced they have resolved the issue.

Buck also recognized the success of the recent art fair in the downtown.

Pastue advised the Downtown Development Authority gave the Director the authority to purchase the second phase of the Orchard Development property.

Buck noted this is an excellent opportunity for residential development.

11.ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	J.T. Buck, Greg Cowley, William Galvin, JoAnne McShane

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor J.T. Buck

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____