



Regular City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Monday, October 21, 2019  
City Council Chambers  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335

**FINAL**

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on October 21, 2019, in Farmington City Hall, 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 p.m. by Mayor 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**

Director Demers  
Superintendent Eudy  
City Clerk Mullison  
City Attorney Schultz

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cody Echols, fourth grade, and George Echols, second grade, lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Geof Perrot, 22661 Brookdale Street, spoke about his ideas for Farmington and his current candidacy for City Council.

Ann Echols, 23828 Wilmarth, of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Commission, provided power outage safety tips as the October Tip of The Month.

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

- A. Accept Board and Commission Minutes
- B. Approve City Council Meeting Minutes
  - a. 09-16-19 Special
  - b. 09-16-19 Regular
  - c. 09-25-19 Special
  - d. 10-07-19 Regular
  - e. 10-14-19 Special
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- E. Farmington Public Services Quarterly Report
- F. First Quarter Building Report
- G. Consideration to schedule program year 2020 Community Development Block Grant Application Public Hearing

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.\*\*

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

**5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.\*\*

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

**6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Historical Commission Presentation**

Laura Myers, Farmington Historical Commission Chair, presented an annual report on the activities of the commission.

Bowman thanked Myers for the update and commented about the difficulty of having meaningful meetings without a quorum. She commended the Commission for doing so much in cataloging, documenting, sorting artifacts, and streamlining their bylaws

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Consideration to accept Change Order No.1 & No.2, Construction Estimate No. 2 & No. 3 for the Oakland Street Reconstruction

Superintendent Eudy explained why change orders and construction estimates for the Oakland Street project were necessary. Galvin thanked OHM for answering his questions and for encouraging the construction company to make way for parking places for this weekend. Matt Parks of OHM answered Schneemann’s questions about the modification of the curb design as indicated on Change Order No. 1 and whether standards and details were included in the plan sets.

**Move To Approve Change Order No.1, & No.2, Construction Estimate No. 2 & No. 3 for the Oakland Street Reconstruction to V.I.L. Construction Incorporated. \*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Galvin, Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman
<b>ABSENT:</b>	LaRussa

**B. Consideration to accept Construction Estimate No. 6 for the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation**

Eudy presented a request for payment for work done on Lilac, Flanders, Chesley, and Brittany Hill.

Galvin asked about the patchwork nature of the repairs and asked how that affects the life expectancy of the road. Eudy said that with all of the improvements made, including the addition of edge drains, the road should last longer than other roads in Chatham Hills which is a difficult area for roads. Bowman asked about the length of time the company will hold the present pricing for the City, and Eudy replied that it would hold until next calendar year. Schneemann asked about the aggregate under base on the original 1968 construction of the road. Eudy explained that the City is fixing known problems incrementally. Discussion followed about project funding and how none of the budgeted funding for these improvements was a result of the recently passed millage

**Move To Approve Construction estimate No. 6 for the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation to Hartwell Cement Company.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman, Galvin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	LaRussa

**C. Consideration to approve payment No.1 to Pipeline Management for CCTV inspection of sanitary sewers in the Bel-Aire area**

Eudy summarized the need for video documentation for sewer inspection and the next steps for repairs needed. He requested payment to the contractor for work done to date.

Bowman asked if any preliminary concerns had been found and Eudy said he was aware of the condition of the sewer in that area. Schneemann asked about age and makeup of the sanitary sewer where they had been televising. Matt Parks of OHM explained the process of reviewing the hours of recorded video footage. Bowman asked about flushable wipes and whether these are a problem seen in the televising of the sanitary sewers. Eudy voiced concern about the detrimental qualities of disposable wipes in sanitary sewer lines.

**Move to approve payment No.1 to Pipeline Management for CCTV inspection of sanitary sewers in the Bel-Aire area.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman, Galvin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	LaRussa

**D. Consideration to authorize estimate and payment of estimate No. 3 for the Shiawassee Streambank Stabilization**

Eudy explained the project and said that all that is needed to call the project finished is for planting of live stakes. Schneemann asked for clarification about the current contract amount and inquired about Eudy’s level of satisfaction for the project. Eudy responded that he was very pleased with the work that had been done even though it took longer than planned.

**Move to authorize Construction Estimate No.3 and payment to Macomb Pipeline & Utilities.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Taylor, Bowman, Galvin, Schneemann
<b>ABSENT:</b>	LaRussa

**E. Consideration to appoint Julia Mantey as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals**

Director Demers presented the candidacy of Julia Mantey for alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Move to appoint Julia Mantey as an alternate on the Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term to end June 30, 2022.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

## 8. DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Eudy reminded residents that the leaf collection program is set to begin on November 4<sup>th</sup>. He asked that leaves not be raked into the roadway, but instead be raked just to the curb. He also requested that residents bag leaves and set them out for yard waste pick up until the leaf program begins. Bowman expressed thankfulness for the supplemental leaf collection program and called it a definite perk of living in Farmington.

Mullison announced that Absent Voter Ballots were available at the Clerk's Office in City Hall until 4:00 pm Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. She said that 1600 AV ballots had been issued so far for the November 5, 2019 election. Schneemann commended Mullison for her work on the last two elections and asked about the process for AV voting.

Demers acknowledged the graduation of Commander Andrew Morche from the Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command. He also reminded citizens that the Public Safety Department will be out in force for Halloween night and advised Trick or Treaters to walk in groups, cross at intersections, and carry adequate lighting.

## 9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Galvin thanked Eudy for all his work tonight and commented about cutbacks on needed sidewalk repair due to proposed spending on the Farmington Road Streetscape. He hoped Council could look at that after the election. Galvin also commented on campaign finance reports for those running campaigns for City Council. He stated that it was the right of citizens to know how campaign monies are spent and he looked forward to reviewing those reports. He congratulated all candidates for Farmington City Council for running clean, respectful campaigns.

Schneemann referred to his prior question on funding for road work that is being done and stated that he had asked about it earlier to point out that millage dollars are planned for use in substantially increasing roads funding. He indicated that his intent was to make sure that both roads improvements and the streetscape project can be accomplished, and is glad the City is able to do both sidewalks and streetscape. He noted that this was his last regular meeting of his term as Mayor and that he loves the community and the passion of the residents, volunteers, and people who serve on boards and commissions. He said it has been humbling, educational, and a real privilege. He thanked residents of the city and his fellow councilmembers for allowing him to serve.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Steven Schneemann, Mayor

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Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: November 18, 2019

**\*\***To view approved documents, please see the Agenda Packet link that is relevant to this meeting at <http://farmgov.com/City-Services/Government/Agendas-and-Minutes/City-Council.aspx> or contact the City Clerk.