



FINAL

BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

A Budget meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on April 27, 2015, in Conference Room, 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 6:08 PM by Mayor William Galvin.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor	Present	
JoAnne McShane	Councilmember	Absent	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Jeff Scott	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

City Clerk Halberstadt
 City Manager Pastue
 Treasurer Weber
 Controller Norgard
 Attorney Schultz

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Motion to approve the agenda

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

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

IV. CITY MANAGER'S PROPOSED BUDGET

Pastue provided a power point presentation on the proposed FY 2015-16 budget. The proposed General Fund Budget is \$8,570,672 which is \$145,833 more than the current year adopted budget. The proposed budget has a deficit of \$112,778 attributable to additional funding for economic development planning associated with current redevelopment opportunities.

Pastue discussed General Fund Revenues that include a property value increase of 2.10% and an overall increase of 2.83%. He reviewed General Fund Expenditures that include a 2% wage increase. He discussed a number of staffing changes in the Treasurer's Department, Building Department, Public Safety and the addition of Park personnel.

Pastue continued to review the budgets for the major funds including: Street Funds, Capital Improvement Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Civic Theater Fund and DPW Equipment Revolving Fund.

Pastue discussed two areas of concern with the proposed budget. The first concern deals with a 12% rate increase recommended for both water and sewer service. The second concern is the ongoing need for a reliable source of funding for capital improvements.

Pastue addressed other areas including \$81,000 allocated for the Governor Warner Mansion to address the problems with the back porch separating from the main structure; a sizable contribution of \$90,000 for economic development purposes; and \$48,000 for the update of the Downtown Master Plan and Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Discussion followed regarding strategy to cap the court costs; and the ability to seek grants once the Parks and Recreation Plan is in place.

Pastue noted the proposed General Fund balance of 25.55% is very conservative. He advised there will be modest growth in property values and other revenues.

Cowley recommended increasing the theatre ticket price by \$1.00. He would also like to see parking included in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Pastue stated he will send Council the 2-3 year budget plan.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

William E. Galvin, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____