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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A Regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on January 20, 2015, 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 William Galvin.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
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 Demers  
Superintendent Eudy  
Recording Secretary Murphy  
City Manager Pastue  
Attorney Schultz  
Treasurer Weber

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Officer Wood.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carmen Francis, 32080 Marblehead, introduced herself to Council as the new chairperson for the Committee on Youth, Families and Children. She provided an update on upcoming events.

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

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

- A. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Nov 25, 2014 7:00 PM**
- B. Minutes of the City Council - Special Study Session - Dec 1, 2014 6:00 PM**
- C. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Dec 15, 2014 5:30 PM**
- D. Minutes of the City Council - Regular - Dec 15, 2014 7:00 PM**
- E. Farmington Monthly Payments Report, December 2014**
- F. Public Safety Monthly Report**
- G. Consideration to Renew Southeast Michigan Council of Governments**
- H. Special Event Request - South Farmington Baseball Movie Night**
- I. Special Event Request - Memorial Day Parade**
- J. Consideration to Adopt Emergency Operations Support Plan**
- K. Consideration to Pay SLC Meter L.L.C. for Water Meter Replacement Work Completed December 7, 2014 – January 7, 2015**

## **5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**Motion to approve the agenda as amended, adding Item No. 11, Closed Session to Discuss City Attorney Confidential Correspondence.**

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

## **6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **A. Special Event Request - Thursday Night Weekly Swing Farmington**

Alexander Steward, President of Swing Farmington, Inc., was present to request Council approval of a special event request to hold swing dancing on Thursday nights for the dates and times requested in the application. He further requested a waiver of the sound ordinance for the event. He stated his organization will pay \$25 a week to the City to offset maintenance costs. He noted the event brings in 200 young adults and people of all ages each week during the season. He welcomed questions from Council.

Responding to a question from Schneemann, Steward advised the group utilizes St. John Lutheran Church as a back-up location when the pavilion is unavailable such as during Founders Festival.

Schneemann suggested that during Founders Festival the beer tent is not busy on the Thursday night of the Festival and thought that Swing Farmington would be a good fit. Steward said he would welcome the opportunity.

Cowley expressed concerns regarding maintenance and security for the event. He questioned whether an agreement was in place with the city concerning these issues.

Pastue responded volunteers with the group will maintain and clean-up after the event. He stated the group will pay \$25 each week to offset any maintenance costs. He noted Steward had consulted with former Director Schulz who provided advice from a Public Safety standpoint.

Cowley reiterated his concerns regarding unsupervised activity and stated he would like to see security on site on those Thursday nights.

McShane indicated there have been more problems with the beer tent during Founders Festival than the seven years Swing Farmington has been at the pavilion on Thursday nights. She advised Steward should take Cowley's comments into consideration. She encouraged him to keep the line of communication open with Public Safety and Director Demers. She praised him for being a positive role model for young groups in the community and encouraged him to continue in this role. She also offered the parking lot of Bellacino's as a possible back-up site for their group.

Responding to a question from Scott, Steward stated his group is developing relationships with several of the downtown businesses including: Starbucks, Off the Beaten Path, Basement Burger Bar, Dagwood's and Coldstone Creamery.

**Motion to approve a special event request for Swing Farmington, Inc. scheduled every Thursday, May 1 through October 22, 2015, 7:30 - 11:30 p.m. with the following conditions:**

- **Music will discontinue at 11:00 p.m. except for evenings during the summer months;**
- **Waive the City Sound Ordinance to allow Swing Farmington, Inc. To extend operation until 11:30 p.m. from the end of the school year June; and**
- **Approve a charge of \$25/week to defray the cost of maintenance.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

### **B. Farmers Market Annual Report - Walt Gajewski**

Walt Gajewski, Market Master, provided a handout highlighting the 2014 Farmers Market and planned events for 2015. He reviewed items in the report including record revenues of almost \$53,000, with sponsors contributing \$18,000 of that amount. He thanked the volunteers, especially Susan Lightner, for their hard work and dedication. The handout detailed attendance and weather records for 2014, information on vendors and volunteers, community groups that participated as well as local businesses. He reviewed highlights of the 2014 Season and his goals for 2015. He requested Council consider participating in SNAP, Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program; and entertain the idea of a midweek Farmers Market on Wednesdays from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Responding to a question from McShane, Gajewski stated the Downtown Development Authority had conducted a study regarding the impact of the Farmers Market on downtown businesses.

Pastue indicated a majority of businesses had a favorable view of the market, but parking remains an issue.

McShane encouraged Gajewski to solicit businesses from all over Farmington to participate in the market.

Scott expressed his support for surveying visitors to the market to gain a feel for its impact on the region.

Schneemann inquired about the details of the mid-week market and discussion was held.

Cowley complimented Gajewski and his team on the success of the market. He also requested more data on the demographics of the people who came to the market.

Gajewski thanked Council for their recognition of the volunteers.

Mayor Galvin thanked him and Susan Lightner for their hard work.

### **C. Introduction of New Public Safety Officers**

Director Demers formally introduced newly hired Public Safety Officers, Lisa Kobernick and Cody Hawkins, and provided a brief background on both. He then administered the Farmington Public Safety Code of Honor before City Council.

## 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None was heard.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Consideration of Annual State Trunkline Operating Permit and Indemnification Resolution

City Administration requested Council approval of a resolution regarding the annual permit application with MDOT; and further to adopt MDOT's Performance and Indemnification Resolution.

**Motion to approve a resolution regarding the annual permit application with MDOT for Miscellaneous Operations within the State Trunkline Right of Way; and to adopt MDOT Performance and Indemnification Resolution.**

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

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

### B. Consideration to Ratify City Manager Selection of Representatives to Serve on North Parking Lot Ad Hoc Committee

Pastue advised this item was discussed at the January 5, 2015 study session. He requested consideration to ratify the list of committee members as presented.

Scott expressed the importance of looking at the entire downtown when determining the impact of parking meters. He asked regarding the timeframe for this committee to provide information back to Council.

Pastue stated he would like to have the committee's report to Council in April, noting this will be a fast-tracked item.

Cowley stated at the first committee meeting they determined their greatest challenge is to facilitate employee parking. He advised a survey is being distributed to all business owners on Grand River.

McShane is glad to see this happening and supports finding short and long term solutions. She approves of the selection of the committee members, but believes it is top heavy with north lot businesses and would like to see other businesses and residents on it to give their perspective.

Pastue told everyone to keep in mind this is an Ad Hoc Committee, that they would like to set in place a long term parking committee going forward.

Galvin acknowledged the meetings are not be subject to the Open Meetings Act, however, he would like the public informed of the meetings and requested the agenda include an opportunity for public comment.

**Motion to ratify City Manager’s selection of representatives to serve on North Parking Lot Ad Hoc Committee.**

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

## 9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Weber noted the use of parking meters would be another source of revenue and as a result create more work for his department. He reminded residents it is time to purchase dog licenses which are required of all dog owners. They can be purchased at the Treasurer’s counter in City Hall or online at Oakgov.com. A valid rabies certification is needed. The cost is \$7.50 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$15 if not. After June 1<sup>st</sup> the price goes up to \$30.

Eudy stated they had closed out the last day for accepting applications for openings in the DPW. He said leaf season was effectively wrapped up and the staff has been involved in more training. Cowley complimented his team as he had witnessed them working in the bitter cold doing a water replacement.

Demers indicated in light of his representation on the Ad Hoc Committee he had done some research in Royal Oak and Rochester Hills regarding the use of parking meters. He advised Code Enforcement oversees the meters in Rochester Hills. He noted that one of the greatest rewards his department experiences is when a resident takes the time to walk up to a Public Safety Office and thank them for what they do in the community.

Pastue noted law enforcement has been under the gun nationally and how touching it is for residents to express their appreciation to officers for their service and professionalism.

Pastue advised Director Christiansen is out ill and that he will discuss the items he would have addressed. He advised the redevelopment of the old courthouse property by Balfour will not be going forward due to financial issues. He stated as a result, the Farmington Road Project may have to be deferred another year given the proceeds from the Balfour Project will not be available to put into Capital Funds. They will be meeting with SEMCOG and MDOT to see if the grant for the Farmington Road Project can be deferred for another year.

## 10. COUNCIL COMMENT

Cowley stated that parking is a consistent issue that needs to be addressed and

that a strategy needs to be implemented. He was not unhappy that the Balfour Project on the old courthouse property did not go forward as he didn't feel that was the right use for the property. He noted the Flander's site will bring in 33 homes and taxpayers.

Scott said he was happy to see that over the last few weekends the ice rink has been fairly crowded. He hopes other businesses are able to take advantage of people being in the downtown and display what goods they have to offer to visitors.

Galvin reported that last week he along with Councilwoman McShane and Pastue went to the Georgetown University roll-out at the Costick Center on how to conserve energy at home. He advised a number of communities are participating in the Georgetown University Energy Prize and that the cities of Farmington/Farmington Hills are semifinalists with a chance to win \$5,000,000. Farmington could then be marketed as a green eco-friendly community.

## **11. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CITY ATTORNEY CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1. Motion to enter closed session to discuss City Attorney Correspondence.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

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

Council entered closed session at 8:09 PM.

### **2. Motion to exit closed session.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Cowley, Galvin, McShane, Schneemann, Scott

Council exited closed session at 9:09 PM

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

### **1. Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

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William E. Galvin, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_