



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, October 1, 2018
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on October 1, 2018, at 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 Steve Schneemann.

1. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
William Galvin	Councilmember	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Public Safety Director Demers
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz

2. Approval of Agenda

Move to approve the regular meeting agenda.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Galvin, Councilmember
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Councilmember

3. Public Comment

Mike Biddle, 21259 Larkspur, spoke in favor of the upcoming millage proposal.

4. HVAC installment for Farmington Civic Theater

Scott Freeman, General Manager of the Farmington Civic Theater, presented a request to replace the third and final rooftop HVAC unit, which is presently 27 years old. Three bids were solicited and Selective Heating & Cooling was the recommended and lowest bid.

Galvin commended Freeman on his successful handling of the three year plan for a change out. Bowman inquired about the operating success of the two already installed HVAC units. Freeman remarked that they are all the same brand and will be able to be serviced all together. Schneemann mentioned meeting about the Metromode contract earlier in the day and indicated he had told Metromode reporters about the Civic being owned by the City and being self-sustaining and that a lot of that has to do with good management. He thanked Freeman on his able guidance of the theater.

Move to approve the quote from Selective Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$11,795 to replace a portion of the theater's rooftop HVAC system.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember
ROLL CALL:	Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman

5. Historical Commission annual report

Laura Myers, Chairperson of the Farmington Historical Commission, gave a synopsis of the report already given to Council. She indicated she would have a report to Council by the beginning of next year on a reconnaissance-level survey that Oakland County did. The Commission has three new commissioners, has a program to subsidize house plaques for residents, and will be meeting with new Ordinance Officer Jeff Bowdell soon. There have been nine building requests that have come up and a demolition was approved.

Bowman inquired about the lack of meetings lately and wondered if a change in venue or day might help more members to make meetings. Myers cited the need to change bylaws to adjust meetings and that commissioners have been having personal difficulties lately. LaRussa asked who was recording secretary and indicated that commission minutes need to have motions, especially any action to do with spending. He also wanted to know if the Commission had made any forward-thinking plans. Myers indicated that they were just trying to get up to speed with the home survey. Taylor asked how Council could support the Historical Commission in their endeavors. Myers responded by commenting on State of Michigan homeowner tax credits even though Farmington is a non-conforming district. She requested support of nearby cities who do conform to state statute. Murphy recalled that a letter of support had already been created and sent out. Galvin thanked Myers for her report. Schneemann also thanked Myers for personally doing much of the work the commission does.

6. Approve Amendment to Traffic Control Order to Permit Parking on the East Side of Gill Road.

City Manager Murphy introduced a return to the topic of changing a Traffic Control Order to allow parking on the east side of Gill Road. Director Demers discussed the distributed reports and statistics and stated that he had been working with the administration of Longacre to be sure they had no concerns about this change. He stated that he does not anticipate this to cause congestion and cited a possible traffic calming effect. Demers also reported that the Farmington Public Schools Transportation Department sees no negatives to this change.

Bowman thanked Demers for addressing Council's previous concerns. She reminded Council that the sidewalk is only on the east side of Gill and it might make people safer to exit vehicles on a sidewalk. She supports the proposed change.

Schneemann also thanked Demers for doing extra homework to answer Council's concerns. He suggested the change might slow traffic and that residents appreciate additional parking. He asked about the fact that the Longacre principal mentioned a six month trial. He suggested that Council consider a limited time trial and just take signs off poles. With no issues after six months and revisiting the topic with Council, take out the poles.

Discussion ensued about amending the proposed motion to include a six month trial period.

Move to approve Amendment to Chapter 5 Section 10(a) of the Traffic Control Order to allow parking on the east side of Gill Road between Earl Court and Freedom Road and ask that Public Safety update Council on status in six months. **

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Galvin, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
ROLL CALL:	LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman, Galvin

7. Other Business

No other business was heard.

8. Council Comment

LaRussa thanked Director Demers for help with having a mobile unit on Flanders Street. He also alerted Schneemann and Murphy about the Joint Municipal Broadband Taskforce of Farmington/Farmington Hills on which he serves. He requested that time be set aside at a Study Session meeting before December to hear a report from the Taskforce.

Bowman thanked Demers and the Public Safety Department for their top notch handling of the recent drive by incident on Wesley Street. She stated that Public Safety's concern and professionalism was impressive, and she appreciates the time taken with citizens at the recent town hall on the subject.

Taylor echoed Bowman's thanks and also commended Farmington Voice's coverage and timely communication.

Schneemann stated that he was proud of our department and their sensitivity to the community.

9. Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Galvin, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Steve Schneemann, Mayor

Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: October 15, 2018

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