



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS WATER SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM**  
**January 29, 2020 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**Approved on 11/12/20**

1. Call to Order
  - A. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.
2. Roll Call
  - A. Members Present:
    - I. Tony Drautz, Oakland County Health Division
    - II. Tammy Gushard, Farmington Hills
    - III. Mike Pucher, Oakland County Economic Development & Community Affairs Dept.
    - IV. Connie Sims, WRC Water Systems Engineering
  - B. Members Absent:
    - I. Erin Quetell – Farmington Hills Resident
  - C. Attendees:
    - I. Steve Joppich – City Attorney
    - II. Teresa Newman – WRC Consultant
3. Approval of Agenda
  - A. Drautz motion to adopt; support by Pucher.
4. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Sims motion to adopt; support by Drautz.
5. Public Comment
  - A. Mike Pucher stated that the water sampling test results at his home in Farmington Hills were negative for lead.
6. Unfinished Business
  - A. State of Michigan EGLE WSAC Update
    - I. The State WSAC provides guidance to local WSAC. There haven't been any updates.  
The minutes from the meeting held in November are not currently available.
  - B. Farmington Hills Public Education and Awareness



- I. The WRC website has been updated and includes a [Farmington Hills water quality information page](#). The page includes source water, lead and copper, water pressure information, etc.
  - II. A new video created by WRC regarding ["Water Quality Tips"](#) was reviewed.
  - III. A package of documents reviewed included *Drinking Water Quality in Your Home* (WRC), *Lead Poisoning in Children* (O.C. Health), *Point of Use Drinking Water Filters* (EPA).
  - IV. The Oakland County Economic Development and Community Affairs Department recommends distributing the EPA "Renovate Right" document.
  - V. The *Drinking Water Quality in Your Home* handout is being revised and will be sent to Farmington Hills for distribution to residents when completed.
7. New Business
- A. Farmington Hills WSAC Bylaws Review
    - I. Steve Joppich, City Attorney, has been working with the City since 1994. Most recently he has been very involved in the new Drinking Water Lead and Copper Rule.
    - II. The City of Farmington Hills requires that all boards and commissions operate under an adopted set of bylaws. The bylaws must be current and reviewed regularly. A City ordinance was adopted to formalize the Farmington Hills WSAC. The meeting agendas and meeting minutes will be posted on the Farmington Hills website with a link on the WRC Website.
    - III. The term of council membership is to be 3 years. Staggering of membership will occur after the completion of the first 3-year period.
    - IV. The term of officers is 1-year.
    - V. The WSAC is required to provide an annual report to the Farmington Hills City Council.
    - VI. There were no questions or concerns with the acceptance of the bylaws.
  - B. Consideration of Resolution Adopting Bylaws and Rules of Procedure
    - I. Motion by Drautz to adopt the Resolution to Adopt Bylaws and Rules of Procedure #2020-01 and support by Sims.
    - II. Motion carried unanimously.



- C. Appointment of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary
  - I. Motion by Sims for the reconsideration and amendment of the agenda to include the addition of the appointment of Chairperson. Support by Gushard.
    - 1. Motion carried unanimously.
  - II. Motion by Sims to nominate Gushard as Chairperson. Support by Pucher.
    - 1. Motion carried unanimously.
  - III. Motion by Pucher to nominate himself as Vice-Chair. Support by Drautz.
    - 1. Motion carried unanimously.
  - IV. Motion by Drautz to nominate Sims as Secretary. Support by Pucher.
    - 1. Motion carried unanimously.
- D. Approval of Regular Meeting Schedule for 2020
  - I. Motion by Sims for the WSAC Regular Meeting Schedule to include this meeting date and October 28, 2020 – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Farmington Hills City Hall Community Room as the next WSAC meeting. Support by Gushard.
  - II. Motion carried unanimously.
- E. Farmington Hills Lead and Copper Compliance Sampling for 2019
  - I. There were 30 water samples collected in Farmington Hills. The 90th percentile lead result was zero. 29 samples were non detected for lead however there was one home that exceeded the action level for lead. WRC believes the exceedance was related to a bypassed faucet filter and aerators not being maintained. The owner was provided with education materials and shown how to properly clean/maintain his aerators. Follow-up samples from this home resulted in no detection for lead. This home has been sampled in previous years with no lead detected.
- F. Preliminary Distribution System Materials Inventory (DSMI) Report and Farmington Hills Water System Story
  - I. The Preliminary DSMI concluded that the 23,093 service lines connected to the City’s water supply system are comprised of primarily copper piping. HDPE was approved as a water system service line material in 2015.
  - II. There were no known lead service lines in Farmington Hills. As water main replacement



occurs in the City the inventory will be updated.

III. The Final DSMI report is due to EGLE in 2025.

G. Proposed EPA Lead and Copper Rule

I. The Rule is currently in the comment period until Feb. 13.

II. The action level for lead remains at 15 ppb. New trigger level is 10 ppb.

III. Schools and daycares have been added to the sampling requirements (20% per year with 5 samples in each facility).

IV. The EPA rule requires individual result, if greater than 15 ppb lead, notification within 24 hours of receiving the result versus 30 days by the State of Michigan.

V. Water systems must comply with the most stringent of rules set by the State and EPA.

H. Lead Action Level Exceedances in Other Communities

I. Tony Drautz, Oakland County Health Division (OCHD), explained that there were 5 communities in Oakland County with Lead Action Level Exceedances (ALE). The County worked with the five communities to address the action level exceedances.

1. City of Birmingham

2. City of Hazel Park

3. City of Oak Park

4. City of Royal Oak

5. White Lake Township - Northern and Southern Districts

II. The OCHD assisted in coordinating the notifications to the community water system, community leaders, and the media.

III. Approved public education materials must be distributed within 60 days of notification of exceedance. First notification must be distributed within 72 hours.

IV. Town Hall Meetings were held in the communities. State, County, and Local representatives attended the public outreach meetings.

V. The OCHD Team also assisted with the distribution of 1100 water filters and filtered water pitchers. Recipients of filters/pitchers included homes in the affected area, with children under 18, pregnant women, WIC or Medicaid recipients, and low income. The State will provide replacement filters.



- VI. The OCHD Team coordinated with the restaurants in the affected areas.
- VII. Michigan Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) was also involved to communicate with businesses within their jurisdiction.

8. Next Steps

- A. The resolution to adopt the WSAC Bylaws will be taken to Farmington Hills City Council for approval.
- B. The WSAC will meet on October 28, 2020 – 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Farmington Hills City Hall Community Room.

9. Adjournment

- A. Chairperson Gushard adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.