



City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, May 6, 2024
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on May 6, 2024, 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 7:05 PM by Mayor LaRussa.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Johnna Balk	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor	Present	
Kevin Parkins	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

City Manager David Murphy
 City Clerk Meaghan Bachman
 Director of Public Safety Bob Houhanisin
 City Attorney, Beth Saarela

2. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jimmy Anderson, 23916 Grace spoke of the traffic control signs that were placed on the street.

4. MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

During National Mental Health Awareness Month, we recognize the bravery and resilience of the tens of millions of Americans living with mental health conditions, and we show our gratitude for the dedicated mental health professionals and devoted loved ones who stand by them every step of the way.

Move to Accept Oakland Community Health Network’s request to recognize May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

RESULT:	APPROVED – UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Parkins, Councilmember
AYES:	Balk, LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor

5. DEMOLITION ORDINANCE SECOND READING

City Council considered Second Reading of the Demolition Ordinance at the March 18, 2024 Meeting. City Council requested additional changes, including less restrictive regulations as they pertain to small residential demolitions, such as small sheds. The updated version for Second Reading, Demolition of sheds less than 100 square feet without utilities no longer require a permit for removal. Environmental testing is not required for residential demolitions. Revisions were also made to (1) eliminate the bond requirement for residential fence demotions, (2) to allow some concrete pads to stay in place for reconstruction purposes upon approval of the Building Official, and, (3) to allow the Building Official to waive installation of sod or seeding after demolition pending the start of a redevelopment of the site.

No action was taken to adopt the 2nd reading. After discussion of the revised ordinance, it was decided Councilmember Schneemann will work with the Building Department to revise the ordinance as additional information is needed.

6. AMENDMENT THE CITY CODE TO ALTER THE LANGUAGE REGARDING INSPECTIONS AS IT RELATES TO THE REGISTRATION AND INSPECTIONS FOR ALL SINGLE AND 2-FAMILY RENTAL AND VACANT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

On September 5, 2023, the City Council Adopted this ordinance, relating to the registration and inspection of all single family and two-family rental and vacant residential properties in the city. The second reading changed at the council’s request, how vacant properties would be inspected requiring both an inside and outside inspection to occur. Inadvertently at that time the definition of the two inspection types were not removed. The attached version contains edits relating to the removal of the “Type B” inspections, and all references for external only inspections, requiring that the interior and exterior of the properties be inspected under the provisions of the International Property Maintenance Code.

Move to adopt Ordinance C-809-2023 Amending Article IX of the Farmington City Code of Ordinances to remove Inspection type (B) from the definition section of ordinance.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Balk, LaRussa, Parkins, Taylor
NAYES:	Schneemann

7. PROPOSED MURAL ON THE WALTER P. SUNDQUIST PAVILION AT GEORGE F. RILEY PARK

Partners in Public Art is a collaboration between the Detroit Institute of Arts and communities, organizations, and municipalities throughout Southeast Michigan to co-create community-driven, highly visible public murals that express the unique stories and interests of each community.

GOALS:

- Help people explore and express their sense of community through a collaborative art experience.
- Create a highly visible public mural informed by the community.
- Foster and deepen the relationship between the Detroit Institute of Arts and communities throughout Southeast Michigan.

FUNDING:

This program is generously funded by community investment in the Detroit Institute of Arts TriCounty Millage. All project costs will be covered through the DIA budget. If approved, the DIA seeks a commitment from the city to maintain the public art for a period of at least 10-years. The DIA will retain intellectual property rights of the public art but authorizes the City to reproduce the art for publicity. A draft MOU has been provided by the DIA for consideration, Initial review of the draft MOU by the City Attorney confirms that the terms seem standard but will require the addition of specific information relating to the art and artist as well as placement of the public art.

Move to approve a Resolution in Support of the Application for the Detroit Institute of Arts' Partners in Public Art Program for Farmington installation of a mural on the west elevation of the city-owned Walter P. Sundquist pavilion at George F. Riley Park for a minimum period of ten (10) years and to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to revise and finalize the MOU proposed by the DIA for the installation. An amendment to the original motion was made that would require approval from the DDA Design Committee before the mural design is finalized.

RESULT:	APPROVED – UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk,

8. ADVANCED REDEVELOPMENT SOLUTIONS INVOICE

On November 8, 2023, the City Council approved addendum #1 to the agreement with Advanced Redevelopment Solutions (Eric Helzer) for additional services related to the EGLE grant/loan application.

Move Pay the invoice from ARS (Advanced Redevelopment Solutions) in the amount \$46,518.56 with \$6,840.00 to be reimbursed to the city from the Brownfield capture. Also, to amend the 2023/24 fiscal year General Fund budget to increase Economic and Community Development Expenditures by \$46,519. This increase will be offset by an increase in Other Revenue by \$46,519. (The increase in Other Revenue includes the \$6,840.00 of Brownfield Reimbursement and \$39,679 related to higher than budgeted investment income). This will be Budget Amendment #5.

RESULT:	APPROVED – UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Parkins, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, LaRussa

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Schneemann informed Council he has a draft plan for the remodeling of the conference room at City Hall and discussed the plan.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public spoke.

11. COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Taylor spoke of the Bicentennial Booth at the Farmers Market. She noted a resident spoke to her about the condition of his street on Wilmarth and noted he would like the City to place it on the schedule for repairs. Councilmember Taylor also noted that she would reconsider the rental ordinance if it included multi-family dwellings such as apartments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Balk noted it was helpful to tour the Governor Warner Mansion to gather design ideas. She also opening of the Farmers Market was well done.

Mayor LaRussa spoke of the latest SEMCOG University news and upcoming events such as, economic impact of community events report, the Commuter Connect, and member meetups, He noted that when legislation is being adopted by the Council, it would be a benefit to have a member of the council act as a liaison. The Mayor thanked his fellow Councilmembers for the discussion regarding the Governor Warner Masion.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk

Approval Date: