



City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, October 16, 2023
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on October 16, 2023, 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 Bowman.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Johnna Balk	Councilmember	Present	
Sara Bowman	Mayor	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Public Safety Director Bob Houhanisin
City Manager David Murphy
Assistant to the City Manager Melissa Andrade
City Clerk Meaghan Bachman
City Treasurer-Finance Director Chris Weber
Assistant DPW Director Joshua Leach
City Attorney Tom Schultz

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Paul also known as Mayor Bowman's Mother spoke as a resident of the city thanking the Mayor for doing an outstanding job.

Mike Sweeney of the Emergency Preparedness Committee spoke of the October safety tip of the month: generators and power supply.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Move to approve the consent agenda with the proposed amendments to the spelling of names as discussed.

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

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS**A. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SOCIAL DISTRICT - THE SYNDICATE – AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF OPERATIONS ON NEW YEAR’S EVE**

This item was presented by City Manager Murphy, and it was discussed that the hours will be extended until 2:00 AM on New Years Day. This was also approved by the Public Safety Department.

Move to approve a resolution amending the Farmington Social District Commons Area Management and Maintenance Plan so that the Social District shall remain open until 2:00 AM between New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day annually.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Balk, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk

B. CONSIDERATION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON NOVEMBER 20, 2023 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PROGRAM YEAR 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

This item was presented by City Manager Murphy with the request to set the CDBG public hearing on November 20, 2023.

***Move to schedule a public hearing on November 20, 2023 for public comment on the proposed Program Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant application.**

**Note: The meeting of November 20, 2023, was rescheduled for November 27, 2023, at the November 8, 2023 Council Meeting.*

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

C. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

This item was presented by Clerk Bachman. The Farmington City Charter, Section 6.1 states that the Council will provide, by resolution, the time and place of its regular meetings for each calendar year.

Move to adopt resolution to establish 2024 City Council meeting dates.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Balk, Councilmember
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
AYES:	LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, Bowman

D. CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY EQUALIZATION DIVISION ASSISTANCE FOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

This item was presented by City Manager Murphy seeking approval for consideration of an agreement with Oakland County Equalization Division Assistance for Real and Personal Property Assessment Administration Services for the period of June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

Move to approve Agreement with Oakland County for Equalization Division Assistance for Real and Personal Property Assessment Administration Services.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Balk, Councilmember
AYES:	Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, Bowman, LaRussa

E. CHANGE ORDER NO. 7 AND CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE NO. 7 FOR THE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This item was presented by Assistant DPW Director Leach. This will close out the sidewalk program for the year and the change order will address a cross walk that was added on Shiawassee in front of the High School.

Move to Approve payment to Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Company, Change Order No. 7 and Construction Estimate No. 7 in the amount of \$25,841.00 for the Farmington Sidewalk Improvement Program.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Taylor, Balk, Bowman, LaRussa, Schneemann

F. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET BUDGET AMENDMENT 3

This item was presented by City Manager Murphy. This budget amendment provides funding for a sidewalk crossing on Shiawassee near Farmington High School in the amount of \$10,500 from the Major Street Fund.

Move to adopt Budget Amendment Resolution #3 amending Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Balk, Councilmember
AYES:	Balk, Bowman, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor

G. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET BUDGET AMENDMENT 4

This item was presented by City Manager Murphy. This budget amendment provides funding in the amount of \$49,000 for the Bicentennial Steering Committee as approved on September 5, 2023 by City Council.

Move to adopt Budget Amendment Resolution #4 amending Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk

7. OTHER BUSINESS

City Manager asked for Council consideration to hold a special organizational meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

***Move to hold a special organizational meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM City Hall.**

**Note: The meeting of November 15, 2023, was rescheduled for November 27, 2023 due to the pending certification of the results.*

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

Mayor Bowman announced the city received a \$1,750,000 allocation from Farmington's State Senator and State Representative, that will be used for the warner mansion and the purchase of new fire truck.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember LaRussa thanked Mayor Bowman for her years of service to the city and for her leadership. He continued to reminisce of his time serving with Mayor Bowan, in positive thoughts.

Councilmember Balk thanked Mayor Bowman for her service to the city and noted the city is lucky to have her. She continued to speak of Mayor Bowan and her great service to the community.

Councilmember Schneemann noted it has been an honor to serve alongside the Mayor and that she will be missed in her role. He continued to praise Mayor Bowman and her service to the community.

Councilmember Taylor noted she is proud to serve amongst women leaders and that she also likes to refer to the Mayor as Farmington's biggest cheerleader.

Mayor Bowman thanked everyone for their kind words. She noted it has been a privilege to serve the community and hopes that she has done enough over the years. She further thanked her family for their support throughout her term. Mayor Bowman noted it has been an honor to serve.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Balk, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Schneemann, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk

Approval Date: December 18, 2023