



**GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT
AUTHORITY MEETING**

**Thursday, November 14, 2024 – 8:00 a.m.
Conference Room A – City Hall
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335**

AGENDA

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. October 10, 2024 Minutes**
 - B. October 29, 2024 Minutes**
- 4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Farmington Hills Grand River Corridor Market Study**
 - B. Review of Joint Council Meeting Discussion**
 - C. Capital Improvement Program**
 - D. Review of Nine Mile Pathway**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING:
CITY COUNCIL & GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 29, 2024**

1. ROLL CALL

The Special Joint Meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by LaRussa.

In attendance:

City Council

Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Johnna Balk, Mayor Pro Tem

Maria Taylor, Councilperson

Kevin Parkins, Councilperson

Steve Schneemann, Council + CIA Liaison

Corridor Improvement

Paul King, CIA Chair

David Carron, CIA Vice-Chair

Patrick Thomas, CIA Secretary

Mark Accettura, Board Member

Randy O'Dell, Board Member

Richard Graham, Board Member

City Staff

David Murphy, City Manager

Chris Weber, Asst. City Manager

Tom Schultz, City Attorney

Absent:

Meaghan Bachman, Clerk (Minutes recorded by Thomas)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

LaRussa proposed addition of new Agenda item to discuss an Oakland County transit resolution.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended made by LaRussa, supported by Balk

PASSED unanimously.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

The members in attendance introduced themselves and their role.

4. TRANSIT RESOLUTION

LaRussa noted that a portion of the Oakland County Public Transportation Millage earmarked a portion of their funds to assist communities with cost sharing for enhancements which improved access to transit, including upgrades to existing bus stops such as concrete pads, benches, shelters, etc.

LaRussa proposed a pilot project to enhance up to four existing bus stops with pads and benches. Specific locations for these upgrades are yet to be determined.

Motion to approve a pilot project to enhance up to four existing bus stops with pads and benches made by LaRussa, supported by Taylor.

PASSED unanimously.

5. CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY OVERVIEW

Weber provided background on the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority (GR CIA), including background of TIF funding, budgetary status, planning documents, and initiatives which had been identified through activities such as public engagement, consultant findings, and CIA board deliberation.

Weber and the CIA board entertained questions from Council members.

6. JOINT PRIORITIES DISCUSSION

The CIA board discussed mutual alignment of the above priorities with Council. Specific items of discussion included Focus Areas in the CIA Master Plan document (those areas deemed to be of particular transformative significance), opportunities to enhance pedestrian and cyclist experience along the Corridor, and discussion of the Corridor zoning overlay district (including the action to staff to provide details of the Overlay District to Council).

Similarities and lessons learned during past DDA activities were discussed.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The group discussed code enforcement concerns along the Corridor.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sophia LaRussa, 20953 Birchwood St., provided information regarding promotional activities at an area business.

9. CIA BOARD COMMENT

No additional comments.

10. COUNCIL COMMENT

No additional comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn made by Carron, supported by Taylor
PASSED unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Farmington Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority Staff Report	Board Meeting Date: 11-14-24	Reference Number
Submitted by: Chris Weber, Assistant City Manager		
Agenda Topic: Capital Improvement Plan		
Proposed Motion: Move to appoint _____ to the Capital Improvement Plan Steering Committee		
Background: Each year the Planning Commission updates the City's Capital Improvement Plan. To facilitate the update, a Capital Improvement Plan Steering Committee is formed with representatives from across the City, including the Planning Commission, City Council, Downtown Development Authority, Corridor Improvement Authority, and Administration. The CIA Board should discuss and appoint one of their members at this meeting to serve on this committee. The CIA Board should also review the current Capital Improvement Plan before their December 12 th meeting and determine if there are any projects included in the plan that should be removed or reprioritized; and, determine if there are any projects that should be included in this plan that are missing. This information can be emailed directly to Chris Weber at cweber@farmgov.com or discussed at the December 12 th meeting.		
Materials: Capital Improvement Plan Calendar The current Capital Improvement Plan can be found at: https://www.farmgov.com/media/alihmnvb/capital-improvement-program-2025-2030-final.pdf		

Calendar for Fiscal Year 2026-31 Capital Improvement Program Process

Color Key	Planning Commission Department Heads	DDA City Manager	CIA Administration
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October 24	Department Heads meet to discuss CIP Program at Department Head Meeting. Items must be submitted by December 13.
November	Meeting with Beautification Committee
November	Meeting with South Farmington Baseball and Softball
November 6	DDA Meeting to discuss CIP and appoint Kate or a Board member to Steering Committee. DDA to formalize items for submission to CIP Steering Committee. Items must be submitted by December 4.
November 11	Planning Commission meets to discuss CIP Program and appoint a member to serve on the committee. Planning Commission to formalize items for submission to CIP Steering Committee. Items must be submitted by December 9.
November 13	Pathways Committee Meeting to discuss CIP Program and appoint representative to CIP Steering Committee. Pathways Committee to formalize items for submission to CIP Steering Committee. Items must be submitted by December 11.
November 14	CIA Meeting to discuss CIP Program and appoint representative to CIP Steering Committee. CIA to formalize items for submission to CIP Steering Committee. Items must be submitted by December 12.
November 18	City Council meets to discuss CIP Program and to appoint representative to CIP Steering Committee. Items must be submitted by December 2.
November 20	Parking Committee to formalize items for submission to CIP Steering Committee.
December 2	Council to formalize items for submission to CIP Steering Committee.
December 4	DDA to formalize items for submission to CIP Steering Committee.
December 9	City Manager's Office to schedule 3 meetings January 6 – January 31 for CIP Steering Committee.
December 9	Planning Commission to formalize items for submission to CIP Steering Committee.

December 11	Pathways Committee to formalize items for submission to CIP Steering Committee.
December 12	CIA to formalize items for submission to CIP Steering Committee.
December 13	Department Heads to formalize items for submission to CIP Steering Committee
December 13	All Submittals in
December 27	Draft Schedule of Capital Improvements circulated to CIP Steering Committee.
Jan 6 – Jan 31	CIP Steering Committee meets to create CIP.
Feb 3 – Feb 21	Draft CIP created.
Feb 10	Planning Commission schedules public hearing for March 10.
Feb 11	Planning and Building advertises Public Hearing for FY 2026-31 CIP on February 11 and posts plan on website on February 21.
March 10	Planning Commission meets to hold public hearing regarding CIP and possibly approve plan.
April 14	Planning Commission meets to approve CIP if not already approved on March 10.
April 21	City Manager submits CIP along with proposed budget to City Council.
April 28	City Council Budget Review Session & Review of DDA Budget.
April 28 - May 19	City Council reviews and adjusts proposed budgets.
May 19	City Council schedules budget and millage public hearing for June 16.
June 2	City Clerk advertises Public Hearing for FY 2025-26 Budget.
June 16	City Council holds Public Hearing regarding FY 2025-26 Budget and Millage Rate and considers adoption.
June 17	City Clerk publishes summary of adopted budget.

Farmington Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority Staff Report	Board Meeting Date: 11-14-24	Reference Number
Submitted by: Chris Weber, Assistant City Manager		
Agenda Topic: Nine Mile Pathway		
Proposed Motion: None. Information Only		
Background: <p>In October of 2023 City Council resolved to support and participate in a Nine Mile Corridor Study funded and managed by Oakland County Parks and Recreation. The study included 6 communities stretching from I-75 to I-275. That study was completed and delivered to the 6 participating communities and can be found on our website at:</p> <p>https://www.farmgov.com/media/mz0hic5e/ninemilecorridor_finalreport_7-14-23.pdf</p> <p>Subsequent to the completion of the study, communities west of I-275 to the western border of Oakland County are working on an extension of this pathway.</p> <p>The Oakland County Nine Mile Pathway Task Force is now working with a consultant to creatively brand the pathway. Results will be delivered by the end of the year.</p> <p>In October of 2024 Council approved a memorandum of understanding, which demonstrates the commitment of Oakland County and the 6 communities to work together on the continued development of the path. This MOU will be helpful in showing the support of the communities for the purposes of securing future funding of the pathway.</p> <p>Administration will give a brief overview of the pathway.</p>		
Materials:		