



Regular City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
Council Chambers  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335

## FINAL

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on January 18, 2022 at Farmington City Hall, 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 7:13 p.m. by Mayor Bowman.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

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

#### City Administration Present

Director Christiansen  
Superintendent Eudy  
DDA Executive Director Knight  
City Clerk Mullison  
City Manager Murphy  
City Attorney Schultz  
Director Warthman  
Director Weber

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Accept City of Farmington Board and Commission Minutes
- B. City of Farmington Minutes
  - a. December 20, 2021 Special
  - b. December 20, 2021 Regular
  - c. January 3, 2022 Regular
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- D. Building Department Second Quarter Report
- E. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- F. Department of Public Works Quarterly Report

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.\*\*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Balk, Councilmember

### 4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.\*\*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Balk, Councilmember

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheryl Blau, 23350 Cass Avenue, presented a gift to Councilmember Taylor as a thank you for her service to the Farmington Area Arts Commission.

### 6. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Introduction of Chamber of Commerce Director Susan Arlin

Bowman introduced recently appointed Director of the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce, Susan Arlin. After talking about her vision for the Chamber and its role in the future, Arlin lined out specific goals for the GFCC in Farmington. Council comments were supportive and appreciative of Arlin's accomplishments and skills.

## **B. Pathways Committee Presentation**

City Council established the Pathways Committee in November 2020. The Committee has met monthly since their first meeting in February 2021 and worked on a variety of projects. Director Weber introduced Tim Prince, member of the Pathways Committee, to give an overview report of their first-year goals, accomplishments, and recent findings of the committee.

LaRussa commended the committee for their work in only a year. He noted the passion and commitment apparent from this committee and encouraged the group to continue to work together with other groups interested in the same goals. Schneemann echoed LaRussa and asked about specific areas of the city. He requested that the committee look at the underpass where Farmington Road goes under M5. Balk thanked Prince and said she appreciated the walkability of the city. Taylor thanked her fellow members on the Pathways Committee and described further activities of the group. Bowman said she was appreciative of all the connections they have made with other groups, reaching out to the DPW, having a good working relationship with the City, and finding solutions to issues that affect the community daily.

## **C. OHM Warner Mansion Study Results**

City Manager Murphy introduced Chris Riggert of OHM to present an overview of a study of potential uses for the Governor Warner Mansion. A copy of the presentation was available online after the meeting, and public input will be sought before discussions and decisions are made. Highlights included Community Engagement activities that were used, an Existing Conditions Inventory for the property, and seven main potential improvement approaches.

LaRussa thanked Riggert and OHM for their professionalism and thoroughness in doing this study. He also commended the community for contributing much of the feedback necessary for the report. Taylor asked about whether residents can provide feedback on the report itself, and Riggert indicated that a format will be provided and included with the study document on the City website.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Special Event: Farmington Community Library, Family Fun in Riley Park & Pavilion Story Time**

Murphy requested approval of annual events as hosted by the Farmington Community Library

**Move to approve Farmington Community Library Special Event Application for: Pavilion Story Time, Thursdays on June 16, 23 and 30; and July 7, 14 (possibly Founders week), 21 & 28 from 11 a.m. until noon; and Family Fun in Riley Park, Wednesday evenings on June 22, July 6, 20, August 3 and 17, 2022 with set-up time starting at 6 p.m. and the actual concert from 7 until 8 p.m., provided that all pandemic-related guidelines are followed.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Balk, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Schneemann, Councilmember

**B. Second reading and adoption of proposed ordinance to amend the City of Farmington Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, “Administration,” Article V, “Employee Benefits,” Division 2 “Retirement System”**

There were no further questions about the necessity of the removal of obsolete language in this ordinance.

**Move to adopt a proposed ordinance to amend the City of Farmington Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, “Administration,” Article V, “Employee Benefits,” Division 2 “Retirement System,” in order to clarify the terms and conditions of the City’s participation in the Municipal Employees’ Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) Program, including operation of the reserve accounts.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, Bowman, LaRussa

**C. 2022 DDA Community Events Calendar, Temporary Liquor License Applications, Street Closures and Sidewalk Sale**

Executive Director Knight requested that Council adopt a resolution approving the 2022 community events calendar, temporary liquor license applications, and street closures as planned for this year. She also requested permission for businesses within the DDA district to hold Sidewalk Shopping on any event day during 2022.

**Move to adopt resolution approving the 2022 DDA community events calendar, temporary liquor license applications, street closures, and designated sidewalk shopping dates as presented.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Balk, Councilmember

**D. Resolution for Oakland County Parks and Recreation Grant Opportunity**

Weber explained an opportunity to apply for a grant to cover 50% of the cost of replacing the wooden fencing at the Shiawassee Park playscape.

In response to a question from Schneemann, Superintendent Eudy confirmed previous thoughts about the levels and grade of the proposed fencing. Discussion ensued about the replacement and disposition of the wooden memorial slats that presently make up the fencing.

**Move to approve the attached resolution authorizing administration to submit for the Oakland County Parks and Recreation grant.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Taylor, Balk, Bowman, LaRussa, Schneemann

**E. Adopt Notice of Intent and Reimbursement Resolution for 2022 Capital Improvement Bonds to finance the Farmington Road Streetscape**

Murphy recommended the adoption of a resolution that provides notice of intent to issue Capital Improvement Bonds to fund the Farmington Road Streetscape. The resolution instructs the City Clerk to publish a notice, notifying electors of the City's intent to issue bonds and their referendum rights which run from the publication of the notice for 45 days. The 45-day period would conclude in early March 2022. The bonds are intended to be repaid 50% from the City's Capital Improvement Millage Fund and 50% from DDA Capture.

**Move to adopt Notice of Intent and Reimbursement Resolution for 2022 Capital Improvement Bonds to finance the Farmington Road Streetscape.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Balk, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Terry Burrell, 2799 West Grand Boulevard Detroit MI, spoke.

**9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENT**

LaRussa drew attention to unique items that are being considered by the Planning Commission with respect to land use and zoning. He urged the public to oppose legislation about short-term rentals currently being considered.

Bowman said that she had an initial meeting with Julie Law of 360 Productions and announced tentative dates for the 2022 Founders Festival. Bowman also recognized the recent loss of Shirley Richardson, Farmington's mayor from 1989-1991.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Schneemann, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember

Meeting adjourned 8:28 p.m.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor

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Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: February 22, 2022

**\*\***To view approved documents, please see the Agenda Packet link that is relevant to this meeting at <http://farmgov.com/City-Services/Government/Agendas-and-Minutes/City-Council.aspx> or contact the City Clerk.