



City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, April 1, 2024
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on April 1, 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 7:02 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
City Treasurer-Finance Director Chris Weber
OHM Engineering – Austin Downie
City Attorney Tom Schultz

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

No members of the public spoke.

4. DDA INTERVIEW: SEAN MURPHY

City Council interviewed Sean Murphy for a position on the Downtown Development Authority Board.

Move to appoint Sean Murphy to the Farmington Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors to a 4-year term ending February 28, 2028.

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

5. Salary and Wage Survey Discussion

City Manager David Murphy presented this agenda item. The city engaged with the MML (Michigan Municipal league) to perform a wage and Compensation Survey for the City of Farmington’s non-represented administrative employees. City Manager Murphy noted the city requested to have the current pay grades and steps reviewed and received recommendations made to improve the system. Jeff Rahmberg from Rahmberg Stover and Associates conducted the study and presented the final report to Council. There was discussion amongst City Council, however no action was taken at this time. The study will be presented to council at a later meeting for approval.

6. PRE-BUDGET DISCUSSION

This agenda item was presented by Finance Director/Treasurer Chris Weber. Discussion was had regarding budget fund items for the upcoming Fiscal Year 24-25 budget and future budget years. No action was taken on this item.

7. RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATUTORY REVENUE SHARING REFORM

This item was presented by City Manager David Murphy. By adopting this resolution, the Mayor and City Council of Farmington hereby ask our State Representatives and Governor Whitmer’s administration to support the adoption of House Bills 4274 and 4275.

Move to adopt the resolution supporting statutory revenue sharing reform: Revenue Sharing Trust Fund

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

8. OTHER BUSINESS

City Manager David Murphy presented the Council with an update regarding the Governor Warner Mansion improvements.

An April Fool's agenda item was presented by Mayor LaRussa and City Council to spoof the City Manager. The topic on the agenda was to discuss enhancing walkability by narrowing some of the downtown streets to highlight the historical Interurban Railroad that ran through Farmington in the early 1900s. After discussion it was announced by Mayor LaRussa that the item was part of an April Fool's joke. Fun was had by all, resulting in many laughs and memories.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Della, a resident at 23350 Freedom Road, spoke regarding the budget agenda item.

10. COUNCIL COMMENT

11. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk

Approval Date: April 15, 2024