



City Council Meeting  
6:00 p.m., Monday, April 22, 2024  
Conference Room  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335

**FINAL**

**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES**

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on April 22, 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 6:03 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	Absent	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

**City Administration Present**

City Manager David Murphy  
City Clerk Meaghan Bachman  
Finance Director Chris Weber  
Deputy Treasurer, Jaime Pohlman  
Administrative Assistant, Lisa Rasico

**2. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

City Manager David Murphy introduced Treasurer’s Office team members, Jaime Pohlman and Lisa Rasico to Council.

**4. CITY MANAGER’S PROPOSED BUDGET**

City Manager Murphy presented the proposed FY2024/25 budget, including budget overview objectives, specific fund expenditures and revenues, capital outlays and projects, personnel organization and costs, and the Capital Improvement Program. The City of Farmington currently has AA Bond Rating.

Council asked questions and had discussions about the pension systems funding, infrastructure investment including funding for road repair, water and sewer fund reserve, sidewalks, Water and Sewer Fund and rate increases, the Farmington Civic Theater, Board & Commission budgets lines, the Governor Warner Mansion, and specific lines in the proposed budget. It was noted there are six main areas of infrastructure investment the city has budgeted to improve, that would include roads, sidewalks, water and sewer, drains, parks, parking, building and grounds. Council spoke more in detail about water and sewer rate increases. Mayor LaRussa spoke regarding the funding in the admin and overhead account - water & sewer, asking if there is any opportunity to accelerate the downward trend; noting that if the account has a surplus why would we need a rate increase. He also asked if admin and overhead is not planned to be expended right away, when, and how will it be spent. He was hopeful to see more data. Finance Director Chris Weber explained the funding in more detail.

Council was appreciative of the work done to bring this budget together by David Murphy, the Administrative staff, and Finance Director/Treasurer Chris Weber.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS – DAVID MURPHY – PUBLIC SAFETY VEHICLE**

The Public Safety Department is requesting the purchase of a one 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe. The purchase is part of an ongoing replacement program for the patrol vehicles. The dealership has noted a limited number of vehicles and asked department to commit to purchasing by providing a PO ahead of time.

**Move to give the City Manager the authority to create a purchase order for a Tahoe for the Public Safety Department.**

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

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

City Clerk Meaghan Bachman noted a couple of updates from the Clerk’s Office.

Finance Director Chris Weber thanked Lisa, Katie, and Jaime for their assistance with the budget presentation.

**7. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Parkins thanked the administration for their hard work with the budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Balk also thanked the administration for their work on the budget presentation.

Mayor LaRussa thanked the team for the balanced budget and noted a job well done. The Mayor spoke of Ladies Night Out and the Great Farmington Cleanup.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Joe LaRussa, Mayor

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Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk

Approval Date: