



BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on May 4, 2026 at 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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	Excused	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present:

- City Manager, David Murphy
- City Clerk, Meaghan Bachman
- Assistant City Manager, Chris Weber
- Treasurer/Director of Finance, Jaime Pohlman
- City Attorney, Beth Saarela
- Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk, Jazmin Briones-Guibord
- Administrative Assistant to the Treasurer, Lisa Rasico

2. Approval of the Regular Agenda

Motion by Balk
 Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to approve the regular agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

3. Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

4. City Managers Proposed Budget

City Manager David Murphy presented the proposed budget and reviewed:

- General fund revenues and expenditures
- Infrastructure and capital improvement projects
- Pension and retiree healthcare funding
- Water and sewer system needs
- Public safety expenditures
- Civic Theater operations
- Capital Improvement Millage funding

Major Discussion Topics Included:

- Gill Road and other street reconstruction projects
- Temporary pause of the sidewalk replacement program
- Water and Sewer Fund
- Smart Cities initiatives and potential public Wi-Fi improvements
- Civic Theater operations and planned liquor sales
- Long-term financial sustainability and operational efficiencies
- Potential cost-saving measures and service delivery reviews
- Capital Improvement Millage funding options

Council discussed the projected general fund deficit and strategies to reduce reliance on fund balance while maintaining city services and infrastructure investment.

City Council and Administration were directed to continue reviewing operational efficiencies and provide additional information for future budget discussions. Council discussed when they should return with cost-cutting ideas and suggestions. It was noted the suggestions would be brought up again at the June 15th council meeting and then those ideas would be presented to the administration to see if they are feasible and able to be put together with department head ideas.

5. Other Business

Assistant City Manager Chris Weber requested a budget amendment of approximately \$20,000 for appraisal services related to several Grand River corridor properties. Council discussed the necessity of appraisals and the potential redevelopment opportunities. It was decided to discuss it again at the next meeting.

6. Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

7. Council Comment

No council comment was heard.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Schneemann
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk