



Regular City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Monday, November 15, 2021  
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 November 15, 2021 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 7:00 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

Deputy Director Houhanisin  
City Clerk Mullison  
City Manager Murphy  
City Attorney Saarela  
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. October 18, 2021 Special Joint w/DDA
  - b. October 18, 2021 Regular
  - c. October 25, 2021 Special
  - d. November 8, 2021 Organization Meeting
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- E. Form 5572 – Pension and OPEB
- F. Farmington Quarterly Investment Report – 06/30/21 & 09/30/21
- G. Farmington Quarterly Financial Report – 06/30/21 & 09/30/21
- H. Farmington Quarterly Financial Report Court – 06/30/21 & 09/30/21
- I. Emergency Preparedness Commission Resignation

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>	Schneemann, Councilmember

### 4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

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

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

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

### 6. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Plante & Moran Annual City Audit

David Helisek of Plante Moran briefly discussed the results of the audit of the Fiscal Year 2020/21 year. Farmington received an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance that can be given to a set of financial statements. He noted there are no weaknesses in the internal control system which means the financial information the City receives is reliable. Helisek thanked not only the Mayor and Council but also Director of Finance Chris Weber and Controller Amy Norgard and their staff for allowing Plante Moran to serve the City. Bowman

expressed her thanks to Plante Moran for the thoroughness of their work. She also commended Weber and Norgard for always maintaining such high standards and ensuring that Farmington continues to have an unmodified result from their work.

**B. Special Event Application: Haitian Network Event**

Maggie Corkery and Valerie and Bill McNeese requested approval to hold a Haitian Art and Craft Festival in July 2022.

In response to a concern expressed by Schneemann, Murphy asked Corkery to let him know which businesses had been invited to participate after planning gets underway. Bowman commended them for coming in early and planning ahead.

**Move to approve special event request for Haitian Art and Craft Festival scheduled July 30 and 31, 2022 in Riley Park, conditioned on verification that local businesses have been contacted and verified with the City Manager.\*\***

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

**C. Public Hearing: Program Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant Application**

**Move to open the Public Hearing on the 2022 Community Development Block Grant Application.\*\***

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

**Public hearing was opened at 7:21 pm. No public comment was heard.**

**Public hearing was closed at 7:22 pm.**

**D. Smart Cities Conference Summary – Mayor Pro Tem Joe LaRussa**

LaRussa gave an overview of the Smart Cities Conference that he and several other representatives from Farmington attended on October 19-21, 2021.

Discussion ensued about retaining the Broadband Task Force for a short time while the new Farmington Hills Innovation, Energy and Environmental Sustainability Committee gains its feet. Bowman thanked LaRussa for the presentation and commented that the Broadband Task

Force, of which LaRussa is a member, has been the lightning rod that brought Sifi to Farmington. She stated that, because of the groundwork already done by LaRussa and the Task Force, Farmington is well positioned to move into the future.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Consideration to approve 2022 program year Community Development Block Grant Application

City Manager Murphy recommended adoption of the resolution discussed at the earlier public hearing which will be forwarded to Oakland County Community & Home Improvement Department.

### Move to approve resolution adopting 2022 Program Year Community Development Block Grant Application.\*\*

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

### B. Nine Mile Retention Flow Meter Replacement

Murphy explained that City Administration meets annually with Oakland County Water Resource Commission (OCWRC) during the budget planning cycle to establish the Long Range Planning (LRP). Each year the LRP address the most critical items, and the scheduled LRP projects for this year have been started or are completed. The inlet flow meter was not included in this year's LRP.

During this summer's numerous wet weather events OCWRC and Public Works noticed the excessive consumption of the sodium hypochlorite (NaClO) used to treat the incoming sewage during wet weather events when the station is pumping to storage in the event of a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) to minimize the e-coli in the discharge. OCWRC has determined during peak flow events the flow meter is overdosing the NaClO to the sewage which nearly eliminates the e-coli, but there is a concern the meter will fail completely and not administer enough or any NaClO to the discharge. If that occurs the City of Farmington could face fines from Michigan Department of Environment, great Lakes, and Environment (EGLE).

Superintendent Eudy had previously presented a recommendation from OCWRC to replace the flow meter. Due to supply chain disruptions, the manufacturing, shipment, and installation could take 2-6 months. If approved, a budgetary amendment would be necessary.

Schneemann noted that these kinds of expenditures should not necessarily come before Council and suggested that it might be time for Council to revisit the City Manager approval limit for expenditures.

Move to approve Oakland County Water Resource Commission to replace the inlet flow meter at the Farmington Retention Basin in the amount of \$21,300.\*\*

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

**C. Drake Park Improvements Change Order No.2 & Pay Application No.3**

Murphy described the bid process for this project and the improvements chosen, which also included improvements at Flanders Park and City Hall.

Move to approve Change Order No. 2 and Payment Application No.3 in the amount of \$83,347.33 for Drake Park Improvements to Asphalt Specialist Incorporated (ASI).\*\*

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

**D. Construction Estimate No. 2 for the Oakland Street Reconstruction-Water Main Replacement**

Murphy gave an update on the project and requested payment for work done to date.

Move to approve payment to V.I.L. Construction Incorporated for Construction Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$551,319.66 for the Oakland Street Reconstruction-Water Main Replacement Project.\*\*

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

**E. Ratify payment to D'Angelo Brothers Incorporated for the replacement of water services for the Oakland Street Reconstruction**

Murphy stated that the Oakland Steet Reconstruction & Water Main Replacement Project had \$11,000 allocated for lead/galvanized service line replacements (LSLR). The project is trending under budget and there are other anticipated savings that could offset the water service line replacements.

**Move to ratify payment to D'Angelo Brothers Incorporated for the replacement of water services in the amount of \$35,508.56 related to the Oakland Street Reconstruction.\*\***

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

**F. Park restroom improvement change order and payment application**

Murphy described improvements to the restrooms at Drake Park and gave details of the project and payment requests.

**Move to approve Change Order Nos.1 & 2 and Payment Application No. 1 in the amount of \$167,837.84 for the Shiawassee & Drake Park Restroom Improvement to Summit Company \*\***

<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

**G. Approval of payment for road surface repairs to Grand River following WMB repairs**

Murphy reviewed the Grand River surface repairs and reported on progress.

Bowman noted that both the Department of Public Works and the City did a great job with notifying residents and that the project was completed well within the projected time.

**Move to approve payment in the amount of \$29,472 to Major Contracting for the Grand River repairs.\*\***

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

**H. Appoint council member to the CIP Steering Committee**

Murphy explained that City Administration would like to begin the discussion of this year's capital improvement program and Council's additions/deletions and priority projects to submit to

the CIP Steering Committee. In addition, Administration would like to know which Council member would like to serve on the Steering Committee.

**Move to appoint Steve Schneemann to serve on the CIP Steering Committee.\*\***

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

**I. Discuss resolution establishing The Farmington Hills Innovation, Energy and Environmental Sustainability Committee**

Murphy explained that Farmington Hills has a resolution before them to establish an Innovation, Energy and Environmental Sustainability Committee. The Hills has extended an offer to the City of Farmington to participate in and establish this as a joint committee for the benefit of the entire Farmington-Farmington Hills community.

Discussion centered on having a councilmember involved as well as at least one resident and on maintaining the Broadband committee for a few more months. Murphy agreed to bring the topic back at a future meeting.

**J. Special Event Application - Holly Days**

The Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Holly Days and Light Up the Grand holiday event throughout the month of December. It will be the same events but spread out over the Holiday Season. The event includes a Gift, Greens and Giving Holiday Market in Riley Park, a lighted parade down Grand River and other various holiday festivities.

**Move to approve the special event application for the 2021 Holly Days and Light Up the Grand Parade spread throughout the weekends of December.\*\***

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

**K. Budget Amendment #2**

Director Weber explained that this amendment would be for several projects that needed to be added to the budget, including installation of network switches and wireless access points, Shiawassee and Drake Park bathrooms, emergency Salt Dome repair, emergency storm drain repair, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, the CVS Easement Agreement, and the Chase Bank Easement Agreement.

LaRussa said it was good news that the contingency fund didn't need to be utilized to compensate for the impact of COVID and asked whether there would be other requests to allocate those funds now that there was availability. Weber explained that Administration will be bringing suggestions to Council in the future.

**Move to adopt Budget Amendment Resolution #2 amending Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget.\*\***

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

**L. Budget Amendment #3**

Murphy requested approval of an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget in order to include an inlet flow meter at the Farmington Retention Basin.

**Move to adopt Budget Amendment Resolution #3 amending Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget.\*\***

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

**M. Purchase of 2022 Ford Explorer**

Deputy Director Houhanisin requested the purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer administration vehicle to replace a 2017 Ford Explorer administration vehicle that was involved in a not at fault, motor vehicle accident in early October of 2021. He explained that the City's insurance company paid out on the claim for the damaged vehicle in the amount of \$19,500.00 and that the remaining \$9,708.00 required for the purchase of the vehicle will come from the Public Safety Department's FY 2021/22 Capital Outlay Account.

**Move to approve the purchase of one (1) 2022 Ford Explorer from Signature Ford in the amount of \$29,208.00.\*\***

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



**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

**9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENT**

Schneemann made it a point to remind residents that his work for the restroom design and other design work was completely pro bono and neither he nor his firm had made any profit from it.

Bowman stated that we had just had a wonderful week supporting our veterans. Coming up in the next few weeks are several great events, including Greens, Gifts, and Giving.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

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

Meeting adjourned 8:29 p.m.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor

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Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: December 20, 2021

**\*\***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.