



City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, December 16, 2024
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on December 16, 2024, 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 7:00 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
Assistant to the City Manager, Melissa Andrade
Assistant City Manager, Chris Weber
City Clerk, Meaghan Bachman
City Treasurer, Jaime Pohlman
DPW Superintendent, Chuck Eudy
Public Safety Director, Bob Houhanisin
City Attorney, Beth Saarela

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- A. City of Farmington Minutes
- B. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- C. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- D. Annual Report on Status of Tax Increment Financing Plan
- E. Consideration to assign City of Farmington Open Space Lease to DDA for operation and maintenance of Dinan Park
- F. Form 5572 Submittal - Pension and OPEB
- G. City of Farmington Quarterly Financial Report

Motion by Balk
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion by Balk
Seconded by Parkins

Resolved, move to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Swearing in of Public Safety Officers
 - Bryce Neal
 - JR Solomon
- B. Bicentennial Committee Presentation
- C. Plante Moran Audit Presentation

7-A. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A ZERO TURN LAWN MOWER

Motion by Taylor
Seconded by Balk

Resolved, move to approve purchase of a Hustler Super Z rear zero turn mower with bagger attachment from Marks Outdoor Power Equipment in the amount of \$16,759.37.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Balk, LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

7-B. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM KNOWN AS FLOCK

The Flock system is a network of license plate reading cameras which are positioned throughout southeast Michigan and the United States. The cameras all work in conjunction with each other, so the addition of 4 cameras within the City of Farmington would be a force multiplier to the overall system. By adding these cameras, FDPS will have access to hundreds of cameras and the system database. The camera system is not designed to be used to track any individuals specifically and only recognizes vehicles and license plates, which are open to public view and not constitutionally protected. The system is designed to investigate crimes such as robbery, homicide, kidnapping, theft, human trafficking, stolen vehicles, and other major criminal offenses. FLOCK has been credited with solving multiple major incidents in Metro Detroit and it has been an instrumental investigative resource for departments like Farmington Hills and Southfield Police

Departments. The initial cost of \$19,900.00 covers the installation of the cameras and there is an annual reoccurring cost of \$15,500.

Motion by Balk
Seconded by Parkins

Resolved, move to Approve FY 2024/25 budget request to purchase the FLOCK License plate Reader System in the amount of \$19,900.00 and install 4 license plate reader cameras within the City of Farmington.

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously 5-0

7-C. CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE NO. 9 FOR THE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Motion by Parkins
Seconded by Balk

Resolved, move to approve payment to Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Company, Construction Estimate No. 9 in the amount of \$16,000 for the Farmington Sidewalk Improvement Program.

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, LaRussa
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously 5-0

8. Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

9. Council Comment

Councilmember Balk spoke of the volunteer appreciation dinner, along with a couple other volunteer-based events and noted how grateful she is to all the volunteers who give back to the city.

Mayor LaRussa presented each City Council member with a photo book of the Bicentennial events and the special moments throughout the year. He further thanked Melissa Andrade for creating the photo book and the effort it took to put it all together. The Mayor noted the work he does as a public servant is the most meaningful and gratifying work he has done professionally. He noted how much care he has for the City of Farmington. Mayor LaRussa wished all a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Balk
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk