



**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., Monday, October 2, 2023**  
**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 October 2, 2023, at 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**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
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**

Finance Director Weber  
Public Safety Director Houhanisin  
City Clerk Bachman  
City Manager Murphy  
City Attorney Schultz  
Superintendent Eudy  
Planning and Building Director Christiansen

### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Move to approve the consent agenda as presented**

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lesa Ferencz of the Farmington Area Art Commission spoke of the local artists that submitted art pieces for display at City Hall. Lesa Ferencz spearheaded this important initiative and worked with the City Manager to meet the goal of having this project ready for 2023 after a two-year rotating program.

James Misaros, 31712 Sherwood, spoke against the PUD Development Agreement on the American Legion property.

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The resident at 33250 Freedom Road, suggested WIFI should be installed at the pavilion.

Kim Campbell, 31622 Shaw, spoke against the PUD Development Agreement on the American Legion property.

Allan Appiah, 31731 Sherwood, spoke against the PUD Development Agreement on the American Legion property.

Jim Anderson, 23916 Grace Street, spoke in favor of the Traffic Control Order on Grace Street.

The resident at 33435 Adams Street, spoke in favor of the Traffic Control Order on Grace Street.

The Commander of the American Legion Post in Farmington, spoke in favor of the PUD Development Agreement.

**4. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET**

City Manager David Murphy presented this agenda item. The budget amendment provides additional funding for road improvements to the Local and Major Street Fund based on revised estimates and additional scop.

**Move to adopt Budget Amendment Resolution #2 amending Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget.**

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

**5. ROAD REHABILITATION PROJECT CHANGE ORDER NO. 5**

Superintendent Charles Eudy presented this agenda item. After discussion, the following motion was made.

**Move to approve the proposed Change Order No.5 with Best Asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$344,924.36 for the 2022 Road Rehabilitation Project to make improvements to several culverts and ditches on Flemming Street, complete road resurfacing, and ditching improvements on Shiawassee.**

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

**6. Consideration to authorize purchase of replacement Freightliner truck chassis for DPW**

Superintendent Charles Eudy presented this agenda item. The purchase is only for the chassis and the outfitting will be presented to Council for approval at a later date.

**Move to authorize the purchase of a 2025 Freightliner 108 SD from Wolverine Freightliner Incorporated the speculative pricing is \$103,081 \*\***

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

**7. Consideration to Renew Farmington Road Maintenance Agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County**

Superintendent Charles Eudy presented this agenda item to continue the service agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County.

**Move to renew Farmington Road Maintenance Agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County and allow City Administration to execute the contract documents reimbursing the City of Farmington up to \$25,373.32 for the maintenance. \*\***

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

**8. Consideration of Planned Unit Development (PUD), including PUD Plan and Draft PUD Agreement, for the Legion Square Planned Unit Development.**

This agenda item was submitted by the City Manager. The Building and Planning Director presented this item to Council, along with the City Planner, and a representative of Greentech Engineering. After a lengthy discussion between the Director, Developer, and Council, a request to make an amendment to the PUD was made by Councilmember Schneemann. The request would require the developer to install a green wall of 8ft tall arborvitae trees on the property owned by the developer, which is 14 feet along the inside of the (west) fence. It was further suggested that the fence shall be a neutral (natural earth) color tone.

**Motion to grant approval of the request of Cervi Construction, LLC, for approval of a Planned Unit Development (PUD), including the proposed PUD Plan and consideration of a draft PUD Agreement, subject to any changes and/or conditions as discussed at the City Council meeting, with any final minor alterations to the PUD Plan and/or PUD Agreement required in the determination of the City Manager and City Attorney to be incorporated by the City Attorney's office prior to the execution of the final PUD Agreement. This motion shall include the proposal from Councilmember Schneemann to install a green barrier using arborvitae trees, along with any final minor alterations to the PUD plan or agreement determined by the City Manager or City Attorney's Office, prior to the final execution of the agreement; this motion is made on the basics of the findings set forth in the PUD agreements on the assumption that all of the conditions of this motion and the agreement are satisfied. \*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [4-1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Balk, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, LaRussa, Schneemann, Balk
<b>NAYS:</b>	Taylor

The City Council Meeting took a brief recess at 9:13 PM and resumed at 9:21 PM

### 9. Proposed Amendment to the PUD Agreement for the Liberty Hill Planned Unit Development

Planning and Building Director Kevin Christiansen presented this agenda item. This PUD will allow for an amendment to page 3 of the agreement to remove the 10-foot limitation adjacent to open space and allow decks within 5-feet of the rear property line.

#### Move to approve proposed Addendum to Planned Unit Development (PUD) Agreement for Liberty Hill \*\*

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

### 10. First Reading: Limit the direction of vehicular traffic on Grace St between Grand River and Shiawassee.

Director of Public Safety Bob Houhanisin presented this item. It was noted although this item indicates a first reading, it is not an ordinance amendment, rather a resolution. After a brief discussion the following motion was made:

#### Amend Traffic Control Orders, Chapter 7, Section 7.6 to limit traffic to one way northbound and so designated with proper signs on Grace St. between Grand River Ave and Shiawassee Street \*\*

<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

### 11. Request to Approve the Resolution Approving the Agreement with the Oakland County Incident Management Team

Director of Public Safety Bob Houhanisin presented this item. This agreement will provide emergency support and event planning services to Farmington Public Safety Department.

#### Move to approve the Resolution Agreement with Oakland County Incident Management Team.\*\*

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

**12. Consideration of Engineering Services Agreement (Thomas and School Streets and Watermain Project)**

City Manager David Murphy presented this item. After discussion, the following motion was made with the request to add an amendment to the resolution, directing administrative staff to speak with Nowak & Fraus Engineers to add additional elevated design services and having the review process go through the DDA Director.

**Move to approve Agreement for Professional Civil Engineering Services for Thomas and School Streets and Watermain Project with Nowak & Fraus Engineers, with final review and approval of the form of the Agreement to be determined by the City Manager and City Attorney’s Office. Administrative staff shall speak with Nowak & Fraus Engineers to add additional elevated design services and have the review process go through the DDA Director. \*\***

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

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

**14. CITY COUNCIL COMMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem LaRussa spoke of his attendance at the SEMCOG executive meeting and informed Council that SEMCOG has been chosen to administer 8.7 million in technical assistance funding for local government to apply for federal infrastructure grants. He further noted that 1.7 million will be available for grant writing and assistance and 7 million for project matching; the match will be available if assistance is received through SEMCOG.

Mayor Bowman thanked Council for their efforts through the tough meeting and noted she appreciates them, and the process Council goes through during the meetings.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

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

Meeting adjourned 9:48 p.m.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor

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Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk

Approval Date: 10-16-2023

**\*\***To view approved documents, please see the Agenda Packet link that is relevant to this meeting or contact the City Clerk.