



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, August 21, 2023
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on August 21, 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 7:10 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

Superintendent Eudy
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Victoria Kerby, 34935 Oakland Street, spoke to Council about the benefits of keeping backyard chickens.

Della Reese James, 33250 Freedom Road, spoke about the recent Founders Festival and suggested that the City have an information booth and have at least a limited number of printed information brochures for those who are not computer literate.

Mike Sweeney, of the Emergency Preparedness Commission, introduced the August Tip of the Month: Preparedness Through First Aid. He advised the community to seek out basic first aid training.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- A. City of Farmington Minutes
 - a. July 17, 2023 Special
 - b. July 17, 2023 Regular
 - c. July 24, 2023 Special (1)
 - d. July 24, 2023 Special (2)
 - e. July 26, 2023 Special
 - f. August 7, 2023 Special
 - g. August 8, 2023 Joint
- B. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- C. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as amended, moving the RRASOC discussion to the end of Item 6. New Business.**

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Balk, Councilmember

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election Equipment Room Lease

City Clerk Mullison asked for an extension of a lease originally approved in 2014 for a secure room to store election equipment. The extension increases the per month cost slightly and adds language about insurance.

Move to approve the extension of a lease agreement between TDP Holdings and the City of Farmington for election equipment storage at 23629 Liberty Street.**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

B. Design Cost Estimate for Shiawassee Walkway

City Manager Murphy requested approval for OHM to begin conceptual design and preliminary engineering in order to develop an overall project cost and design strategy to provide a new, ADA accessible connection between the downtown area and Shiawassee Park by traversing the existing slope on the south side of the park. Matt Parks of OHM also spoke on the progress of planning and the application process for a possible grant. The proposal includes SME Geotechnical Engineering Services and architectural coordination with S3 Architecture. It was noted that S3 Architecture is not being compensated in any way.

In response to questions, Parks said the work would take until late spring or early summer. He said that the design would probably want to weave through trees and minimize the footprint of the project and that additional borings would be needed because construction would likely be further east than the other borings covered. Additional discussion encompassed design costs versus construction planning costs.

Move to approve the proposed Shiawassee Park pathway conceptual design & preliminary engineering proposal as presented in an amount not to exceed \$110,000, with the caveat that S3 Architecture will receive no financial compensation from the City or OHM.**

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

C. Consideration to appoint a delegate for the Annual MML Convention

The Michigan Municipal League requires that the City Council designate a delegate and alternate by official action, who will be in attendance at the annual meeting in Traverse City, October 18-20. This delegate will be the official representative to cast the vote for the City of Farmington.

Move to appoint Mayor Sara Bowman as Farmington's delegate for the annual MML meeting October 18-20 and Mayor Pro Tem Joe LaRussa as the alternate.**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

D. Sidewalk Program

Superintendent Eudy reported on the progress of the Sidewalk Program and asked that Council consider extending the contract with Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Company Incorporated to the next Fiscal Year.

Move to approve payment to Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Company, Change Construction Estimate No.6 in the amount of \$200,443.48 for the Farmington Sidewalk Improvement Program.

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

E. RRRASOC General Manager Mike Caspo to Discuss Refuse Contract

Mike Caspo of RRRASOC participated in a general discussion about preparing for the coming refuse contract extension or change. He suggested that Council look at Farmington's current contractor first and ask them to provide a proposal for a contract extension. He added that the City could also go out with an RFP to look for a new vendor. He answered questions about a move to trash carts or trash cart plus options.

Discussion included letting people use their own trash containers, having flexibility with cart plus plans, whether recycling and yard waste options would stay the same, and ways to increase the value of the contract for residents.

Bowman commended Caspo and RRRASOC for their flexibility to homeowners. She stated that there would be no action needed tonight but that she was hopeful that an extension proposal would be prepared soon. Council should know if an RFP is needed sometime in October.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENT

Schneemann and Bowman both congratulated City Clerk Mullison on her retirement and wished her well. Mullison thanked Council for the honor of working for such a great city and Council over the years.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Balk, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

Meeting adjourned 8:01 p.m.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date:

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