



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on January 19, 2021, as a Virtual Meeting via Zoom, an electronic meeting platform. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976 and electronically as authorized under the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261, et seq., as amended by HB 1108, in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to vulnerable Michiganders by limiting in-person contact and the number of people interacting at public gatherings.

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by Mayor Bowman.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Mayor	Present	
David DeLind	Councilmember	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Director Christiansen
Superintendent Eudy
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz
Acting Director Warthman
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. December 21, 2020 Regular
 - b. January 4, 2021 Regular
 - b. January 7, 2021 Special
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- E. Accept the resignation of Joan McGlincy from the Farmington Area Commission on Children, Youth and Families
- F. Boards and Commissions: move alternate Brian Spitsbergen from alternate to regular commissioner on the Commission for Children, Youth and Families
- G. Second Quarter Building Report
- H. Authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement with SMART for Municipal Credits and Community Credits on behalf of the City for Fiscal Year 2021

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

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

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.**

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

5. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Brian Golden presented a video on snow removal information for Farmington.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. MOVE TO RATIFY CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF THEODORE WARTHMAN AS PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4.8C OF THE CITY CHARTER

City Manager Murphy requested approval of Ted Warthman, his choice to follow Frank Demers as Director of Public Safety. He noted the tradition of having a strong line of succession already in place within the department, and Murphy said he was looking forward to working with Warthman in that capacity.

Move to ratify city manager's appointment of Ted Warthman as Public Safety Director in accordance with Article 4.8c of the City Charter.**

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

Warthman read a statement about his excitement on reaching a personal goal by becoming Director. He commended the department for their continuing excellence and looked forward to working with them as he moves from Deputy Director to Director.

B. MOVE TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 16, 2021 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PROGRAM YEAR 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Murphy requested that Council set a meeting for this annual item.

Move to schedule a public hearing on February 16, 2021 for public comment on the proposed Program Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant application.**

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

C. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD THE MULTIYEAR PUBLIC WORKS & CITY HALL HVAC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO DIVERSIFIED HEATING & COOLING IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$294,759 AND ALLOW CITY ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS FOR THE CONTRACT

Superintendent Eudy explained that the Public Works HVAC system is nearly 43 years old and, the seven roof top units (RTU) systems at City Hall/Public Safety are over 23 years old. The City secured DIN Engineering to develop an HVAC Upgrade at Farmington City Hall and Public Works Buildings. Bids were solicited and opened on Friday July 9, 2020. Due to the bids being well above the allocated funding, the two contractors who submitted bids were asked to value engineer the project and resubmit proposals.

Considerable funds have been allocated this Fiscal Year for both buildings, but additional funding will be required to complete this year's project, with additional funding drawn from the millage capital improvement fund. Several of those capital improvement projects may not begin

until next fiscal year. \$16,000 may need to be required to be drawn from that fund for this fiscal year to cover the contingency funding of this project.

Schneemann asked about value engineering results and bidding results. Eudy explained process and timeline for bids and resubmittal.

LaRussa asked about lifespan of the new equipment. Eudy said it should last 15-20 years with proper maintenance.

Move to award the multiyear Public Works & City Hall HVAC Improvement Project to Diversified Heating & Cooling and allow City Administrators to authorize contract documents.**

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	DeLind, Councilmember

D. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO.3 AND CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE NO. 8 (FINAL) FOR THE MAYFIELD STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Eudy called for approval of a final balancing change order to pay V.I.L. Construction for the Mayfield Street reconstruction project.

Move to approve payment to V.I.L. Construction Incorporated for Change Order No. 3 and Construction Estimate No.8 (Final) in the amount of \$4,384.00 for the Mayfield Street Reconstruction.**

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason Schlaff, Farmington Brewing Company, requested that Council consider amending an ordinance to allow permanent outdoor patios along Grand River.

8. CITY COUNCIL COMMENT

DeLind congratulated Warthman on his promotion. He thanked him for his years of service to our community, and said he looked forward to Warthman's leadership of the Public Safety Department.

Schneemann echoed DeLind's comments and said he feels comfortable with Warthman at the helm. He noted that the promotion bodes well for our community and knew that the level of safety and security that we enjoy in Farmington will continue under Warthman's command.

Taylor asked Murphy about the Warner Mansion RFQ on the website. Murphy stated that an RFQ was issued for the highest and best use of the mansion and to see if there is some way that the City can utilize the property to generate enough revenue to at least pay for itself, if not also pay for the repairs to the Mansion. Taylor noted that this study would be a good thing for the Warner Mansion and would allow Council to make the best decision on what is and is not possible for the property.

LaRussa added his congratulations to Warthman and said that he was pleased to see another solid succession plan in the City, providing continuity and a good solid foundation for service to the community. He is looking forward to seeing what comes next.

Bowman also applauded the smooth transition of Public Safety Directors and noted that Farmington does a fabulous job of making sure that everything continues as citizens expect. She also stated that Council is following a process of selecting a developer for the MTC that is going to move the project forward. She noted that negotiations have been and will continue to be thorough, fact based, data driven, and without reproach. She is ever mindful of community input and the direct impact the development will have on the immediate neighborhood and Council will continue to engage the entire community to insure ensure that they meet the goal of making Farmington better. Bowman thanked everyone for going through this involved process.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:57 p.m.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: February 16, 2021

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