



Regular City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Monday, June 21, 2021  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**FINAL**

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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on June 21, 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 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bowman.

### 1. ROLL CALL

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

#### **City Administration Present**

Director Christiansen  
Superintendent Eudy  
DDA Director Knight  
City Clerk Mullison  
City Manager Murphy  
City Attorney Saarela  
City Attorney Schultz (arrived at 7:24 pm)  
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. April 26, 2021 Budget
  - b. May 17, 2021 Special
  - c. May 17, 2021 Regular
  - d. May 26, 2021 Special Joint
  - e. June 7, 2021 Special
  - f. June 7, 2021 Regular
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report

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

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

#### 4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.\*\*

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

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Golden shared a video about Art on the Grand 2021.

#### 6. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

##### A. Public Hearing – Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget and Millage Rates

City Manager Murphy provided highlights of the budget and noted changes.

**Move to enter a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget and Millage Rates.\*\***

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

Public hearing was opened at 7:09 pm. No public comment was heard.

Public hearing was closed at 7:12 pm.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Consideration to accept Construction Estimate No. 12 for the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation

Superintendent Eudy explained that Hartwell Cement Company has completed work on multiple streets within the City. He recommended payment for work done this period.

In response to a question by Schneemann, Eudy discussed any surprises or concerns about the listed projects.

**Move to approve construction estimate and payment of No. 12 for Smithfield Street, Farmington Road & City Hall and concrete patching under the 2018 Farmington Roads Maintenance & Rehabilitation Contract with Hartwell Cement Company.\*\***

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

### B. Consideration to approve payment to Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner Office (OCWRC) for the reconditioning of Pump #6

Eudy recommended approval of payment to Oakland County Treasurers Office for the reconditioning of Pump #6 at the 9 Mile Retention facility in the amount of \$17,897.59, which includes expenses from Detroit Pump and OCWRC labor & equipment.

**Move to authorize payment to Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner Office (OCWRC) for the reconditioning of Pump #6.\*\***

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

**C. Consideration to approve payment to Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner Office (OCWRC) for the replacement of the 9 Mile Retention wet well exhaust fan/blower housing**

Eudy requested payment of \$21,501.59 to OCWRC for the replacement of the 9 Mile Retention Exhaust Fan/Blower Housing Replacement. He explained that the first contractor could not complete the job and that OCWRC had to contract the second bidder, who subsequently completed the work.

**Move to approve payment to Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner Office (OCWRC) for the replacement of the 9 Mile Retention wet well exhaust fan/blower housing.\*\***

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

**D. Principal Shopping District Renewal**

Knight presented the recommendations of the PSD Study Group including a renewal of the Special Assessment.

**Move to approve Resolution #2 determining the necessity of the assessment and scheduling the public hearing for July 19, 2021 regarding advisability of proceeding to establish the SAD (Principal Shopping District). \*\***

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

**E. Consideration to adopt Downtown Development Authority’s Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget and establish 2021 Principal Shopping District Special Assessment**

DDA Executive Director Kate Knight presented highlights from the final proposed DDA budget which included projects to be funded and projected tax revenue.

**Move to approve resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget and establish 2021-22 Principal Shopping District Special Assessment.\*\***

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

**F. Consideration to amend Fiscal Year 2020-21 Downtown Development Authority Budget**

Knight requested that the DDA 2020-21 Budget be amended to reflect the realities of operation through a pandemic year.

LaRussa asked about which outdoor furnishings actually helped the business owners make it through the pandemic. Knight summarized how the DDA was able to assist businesses to move into outdoor sites with equipment and policy changes. He asked if there would be any challenges in storing and using these items in future. Knight said some are still being used and some are being stored by business owners.

**Move to amend the DDA 2020/21 Budget, as shown in the projected column of the attached report.\*\***

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

**G. Consideration to adopt Fiscal Year 2021-22 47th District Court, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Corridor Improvement Authority and Joint Agency Budgets**

Murphy requested adoption of separate budgets for the 47th District Court, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, the Corridor Improvement Authority, and the Joint Agency budgets.

**Move to adopt Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Resolution for the 47th District Court, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Corridor Improvement Authority and Joint Agency Budgets.\*\***

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

**H. Consideration to adopt resolution to amend Residential Refuse/Recycling User Charge**

Murphy summarized amendments to the Residential Refuse/Recycling User Charge which would become effective July 1, 2021.

Schneemann suggested that RRRASOC redouble their efforts to try to educate the public about what belongs in a recycle bin and what does not. LaRussa questioned whether a condominium association discussed earlier should be included, and Murphy replied that most of the residents of that association live within the Farmington Hills border.

**Move to adopt resolution to amend Residential Refuse/Recycling User Charge effective July 1, 2021.\*\***

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

**I. Consideration to adopt resolution to amend Water and Sewer Rates, effective July 1, 2021**

Murphy requested approval for the amendment of Water and Sewer rates in order to provide funding for Water and Sewer line repairs and replacements. Schneemann asked whether the 1% increase would be going directly into the Water and Sewer Fund. Director Weber estimated that \$50,000 would be added to the fund in this manner.

**Move to adopt a resolution amending Chapter 11 of the City Fee Schedule, as presented, which amends the water and sewer rates, effective July 1, 2021.\*\***

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

#### **J. Consideration to amend Employee Administrative Manual and Non-union Pay Plan**

Murphy recommended that Council amend the employee administrative manual and non-union pay plan, effective July 1, 2021, including a 3.25% increase to the pay plan and the City Manager's contract and maintaining employer contributions for medical and prescription coverage. The amendment would also increase employee contribution to the MERS and ICMA Defined Benefit Pension systems.

**Move to adopt resolution amending employee administrative manual and non-union pay plan, effective July 1, 2021.\*\***

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

#### **K. Consideration to amend Fiscal Year 2020-21 Budget**

Murphy requested consideration for a year-end amendment based on estimates provided by departments during the budget process. It includes any construction fund carryovers from the preceding year, one-time items that were discussed during the budget presentation, and refining original budget estimates.

Discussion ensued about Downtown Development Authority and Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority fund capture.

**Move to adopt resolution amending Fiscal Year 2020-21 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>	Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman, LaRussa
<b>ABSENT:</b>	DeLind

**L. Consideration to adopt Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget and establish millage rates**

Murphy requested approval for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget following submittal to Council at the April 19, 2021 meeting as required by the City Charter. Three changes were subsequently changed: the amount for the Mansion best and highest use study was reduced; the Capital Improvement Millage Fund was increased for already-approved projects at Drake Park and Flanders Park; and Oakland Street Reconstruction & Water Main Replacement Project capital outlay expenditures were increased. Murphy recommended an increase in both State-shared revenue by \$50,000 and Permits and Licenses by \$50,000 as new information was received since the initial budget was proposed.

Council and Administration discussed projected revenue and expenditures, the potential Maxfield Training Center (MTC) sale, professional development costs, Liberty Hill revenue, possible cuts, and a facilities survey of City Hall. Council requested more frequent updates from Administration regarding the progress of the purchase agreement for the MTC.

Bowman thanked administration for all of their hard work on the extensive annual task of budgeting, and noted that the proposed budget provides for adjustments that can be made throughout the year.

**Move to adopt resolution regarding Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget and Millage Rates.\*\***

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

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brian Golden, President of Friends of the Warner Mansion, apprised the public of events such as a quilting class and an historical fashion show happening on the grounds of the Governor Warner Mansion this season.



**9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENT**

LaRussa congratulated the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce for another successful Bunkers and Bogeys event, and commented on the coming holiday and the following Founders Festival.

Bowman announced that this meeting would be the last Virtual Meeting via Zoom.

**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 8:38 p.m.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor

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Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: July 19, 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.