



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 pm, Monday, October 4, 2021
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on October 4, 2021 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 pm by Mayor Bowman.

1. ROLL CALL

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

City Administration Present

Director Christiansen
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz
Director Warthman

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Perrot, 22661 Brookdale, voiced her feelings about a reported incident between herself and Councilperson Taylor that occurred on September 27, 2021 over the distribution of a flyer. She called for Taylor to step down from Council.

Lori Sunday, 22720 Brookdale, also spoke out against Taylor's conduct during the September 27, 2021 incident.

Melissa Smith, 20929 Laurelwood, indicated that she was now apprehensive about her family's safety in Farmington because of the above-mentioned incident.

Terry Burrell, 2799 West Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI, spoke in support of Taylor.

Melissa Lynch, 22635 Brookdale, requested that Council pass a resolution to prohibit council candidates from campaigning as a slate.

Della James, 33250 Freedom Rd Apt 14, expressed concerns about Taylor's motives.

4. RRRASOC UPDATE – GENERAL MANAGER MIKE CSAPO

Mike Csapo, General Manager of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) gave an update on recycling in Farmington. He praised the City's budgeting and planning for the fact that Farmington's per capita expenditures were 35% below the SE Michigan average. He also reported that Farmington's recycling rate was 47%, which was tops among all RRRASOC communities. Csapo said that Farmington recycled an average of 529 lbs. per household, per year and said that recycling is not just good for the environment, it is good for the economy.

Schneemann commended the Southfield facility for its equipment and for the people working there. He asked about the global demand for recycled materials and shifting market for materials, so Csapo described the process and the reasoning behind choices made post-recycling. Csapo reported that 8% of Farmington's recycled materials end up as trash and cannot be recycled.

LaRussa said that an earlier tour of the facility was fascinating and asked whether trucking limitations nowadays have impacted recycling shipping. He also asked about multi-dwelling recycling problems and Csapo said RRRASOC had done some drop off programs in other cities for rental communities with mixed success. He indicated that there might be potential interest at the state level in making some changes.

DeLind asked about inbound streams of materials and what should and shouldn't be recycled. Csapo indicated that recyclables shouldn't be put in bags in the cart and reminded that any sort of plastic bags would tangle up the machinery.

Bowman thanked Csapo for his time, knowledge, and passion, and stated that she always learns something from him.

5. MISS OAKLAND COUNTY PRESENTATION

Organization Director Francesca Tuzzalino presented an overview of the Miss Oakland County Scholarship Program. Miss Oakland County 2021, Melissa Beyrand and Miss Oakland County's Outstanding Teen, Stella Drozdowicz were introduced and spoke about their platforms and hopes for the future.

Bowman expressed her appreciation for the grace and poise displayed by both young women. LaRussa offered help to each in their individual missions.

6. DISCUSS ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT – PERMANENT OUTDOOR SEATING ENCLOSURES

Director Christiansen requested consideration of changes suggested to the first reading of an ordinance amendment which occurred on September 20, 2021. This amendment relates to the authorization to apply for special land use approval for weather resistant outdoor seating enclosures as a special land use.

Discussion included possible inclusions into the ordinance pertaining to temporary enclosures, requirements for outdoor seating presently, future needs of businesses, timing of special land use applications, and specifics for the outdoor enclosures being considered.

Schneemann indicated support for denying permission for enclosures in front of businesses in the right of way but requested that the topic of enclosures behind businesses be brought back in a later meeting. LaRussa noted that these enclosures should be for all types of businesses, not just dining establishments. Taylor agreed with LaRussa's thought that the ordinance language was unnecessary. Bowman stated that she did not sense an overwhelming urge for a second reading and asked to table the amendment until further questions are answered.

7. REAPPOINT SARAH DAVIES AND LINDA CHIARA TO THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Bowman requested reappointment approval for two open spots on the Beautification Committee.

Move to reappoint Sarah Davies and Linda Chiara to the Farmington Beautification Committee for a 3-year term to end June 30, 2024.**

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

8. RENEWAL OF FARMINGTON ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY

City Manager Murphy requested approval to renew Farmington's contract with RCOC for the maintenance of Farmington Road. This maintenance includes road surface patching, joint and crack filling, sweeping, twice yearly grass and weed cutting, tree trimming and emergency removals roadside clean-up, snow and ice removal and other general maintenance.

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 \$23,916.78 for the maintenance.**

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

9. OTHER BUSINESS

City Attorney Schultz reported on progress on the easement agreement with CVS for the Farmington Road Streetscape project.

Move to approve an Amended Declaration of Necessity and Taking in the amount of \$7,377.00 over parcel 23-28-280-012 for the construction of the Farmington Road Streetscape Project.

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

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

11. COUNCIL COMMENT

Taylor made a statement about comments directed at her during the first public comment period in this meeting. She insisted that the comments made about her in no way reflected what had happened and explained her side of the event. She also stated that she had not asked Mr. Burrell to speak on her behalf at public comment earlier.

DeLind spoke in favor of Taylor's character and work. He added that he loves Farmington but that the level of rhetoric in this election has caused a great deal of personal angst. He stated that whether or not he won in the upcoming election, he would still remain involved to make the community the best place it can be.

LaRussa pointed out the educational aspects of the meeting agenda which included information from RRRASOC and the efforts of the Miss Oakland County program. He also acknowledged that he was on record as endorsing Taylor's re-election, and that he has found her to be a good collaborator and knows that she is somebody that learns from her mistakes. He hoped that brought peace to those who may have seen offense in her actions. He does not condone public confrontation and requested that everybody take a breath and think about it. He requested that voters take a good look at all of the candidates before making a choice.

Bowman commented on the recent DTE open house and the upcoming Grand Raven Festival and said that it was exciting to see Farmington's downtown so vibrant. She encouraged everyone to find something that interests them to get involved with.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: October 18, 2021

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