



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, April 17, 2023
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on April 17, 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 7:05 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

Director Houhanisin
Assistant Superintendent Leach
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Shortley

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Echols, Emergency Preparedness Commission, gave the Preparedness Tip of the Month: Create an Emergency Food Supply. She was accompanied by EPC Commissioner Mary Ellen Hopfe.

Steve Majoros, 33745 Schulte, thanked City staff for prompt and attentive response to a recent issue at his house. He voiced support for Item 7A, the Revolving Fund Project, hoping to help others avoid the emotional and financial toll of two feet of sewage in their basement.

Ali Khreis, 1617 Mayburn, Dearborn, spoke about trying to get a license for permanent locations for food trailers, and wants something longer than a two-day permit.

Terry Burrell, 2799 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, commented on the crossing at Farmington and Grand River.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Accept City of Farmington Board and Commission Minutes
- B. City of Farmington Minutes
 - a. March 20, 2023 Special
 - b. March 20, 2023 Regular
 - c. March 22, 2023 Joint DDA
 - d. March 22, 2023 Special
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- E. Special Events:
 - 1.) Power Middle School Music Concerts
 - 2.) South Farmington Baseball Parade
 - 3.) Farmington Community Band Concert
 - 4.) Festival on the Lawn

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.**

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

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Project Plan Public Meeting FY2024 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project

Matt Parks, of OHM Advisors, gave a presentation on the project planning document to apply for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) low interest loan after an intent to apply was submitted to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) in the fall of 2022.

Parks answered questions from Council and the public in attendance which encompassed upgrade specifics, timeline, stormwater runoff issues, funding sources, and including these projects in next year’s Capital Improvement Plan.

Bowman thanked Parks and Farmington DPW for their diligence and foresight in pursuing funding with this report.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution to Adopt the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Project Planning Document for FY 2024 for Collection System and 9 Mile Retention Basin Facility Improvement

City Manager Murphy requested approval for a resolution to comply with EGLE requirements set forth to receive a low interest loan that would assist the city in addressing needed improvements to the sanitary sewer system.

Move to approve the accompanying resolution to adopt the CWSRF project planning document and designate Chuck Eudy, the Director of Public Works, as the authorized representative.**

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

B. Nine Mile Retention Pinch Valves

Assistant Superintendent Leach explained that during the annual budget planning cycle, administrative staff meets with Oakland County Water Resource Commission (OCWRC) to review the Farmington Retention Basin Long Range Plan (LRP). Following the January meeting, OCWRC recommended priority LRP at the Retention Basin to be any recommended service following the electrical system analysis which will be completed by June 30, 2023. The pinch valve replacement was not considered to be the priority in the FY23-24 LRP, but due to the condition and age of the pinch valve, OCWRC Pump Maintenance staff are recommending replacement of the valves to be the second priority and to replace the pinch valves as soon as possible.

Move to accept proposal Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner Office (OCWRC) to replace pinch valve’s for all three retention basins in the estimated amount of \$26,900 and allow City Administration to execute contract documents.**

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

C. Road Surface Repairs to Grand River Following Emergency Water Main Repairs

In order to complete roadway surface replacement required by last winter’s emergency water main repair, Leach recommended Council approval for Major Contracting to complete the repairs by May 1, 2023.

Move to award Grand River surface repairs in the amount of \$22,000 to Major Contracting.**

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

D. Truck route detour sign installation

As a part of the Farmington Road Streetscape, City Administration and Traffic Engineers have recommended implementing no right turns for trucks from Farmington Road to eastbound Grand River. Council approved the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) required resolution to implement the Farmington Road Truck Route Detour, as did the Farmington Hills Council. OHM has revised the truck route detour signage per the RCOC request. The original signage was physically too large to be placed in the Right of Way.

Move to accept proposal from State Barricading in the amount of \$11,580.00 to install the Farmington Road Truck Route Detour Signage subject to any minor amendments to the final form of the City Manager’s office and the City Attorney’s office.**

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

E. Dinan Park Water Main Connection/Extension

Recently, Farmington DDA Board approved awarding the agreement with Warren Contracting to repurpose the entrance to the West Parking lot from Farmington Road for the pocket park called Dinan Park. There are some current efficiencies building off the streetscape as Warren Contracting was the low bidder, and they will be the prime contractor on the Dinan Park project

for the DDA. OHM will be providing the water main inspection services during the installation at no cost.

Move to approve the agreement with Warren Contractors to install the water main extension in Dinan Park/West Parking lot in the amount of \$60,000.**

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

F. Board and Commission Reappointments

Several Board and Commission members have expressed a desire to continue serving on their respective boards.

Move to reappoint Laura Myers, Jill Keller and Robert Senn to another 3-year term on the Farmington Historical Commission; and to reappoint Paul King to another 3-year term on the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority. All terms will end March 31, 2026.**

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

8. CITY COUNCIL COMMENT

Bowman asked Scott Freeman, General Manager of the Farmington Civic Theater, to explain the need for a new condenser unit for the lobby, museum, restrooms, and office area. The current 23-year-old unit is not keeping the areas at correct temperatures and has a leak. Freeman will get three quotes, noting that the replacement would not be more than \$7500. Council indicated that Murphy can authorize this replacement after the quotes.

Bowman offered another Public Comment, no comments were heard.

Taylor appreciated the traffic sign update on Raphael Street and would like to know if it has been effective. She requested a report later in the Spring.

Bowman addressed the person who had spoken at public comment earlier with regard to food truck opportunities and offered her contact information so that they could open a dialog.

9. CLOSED SESSION – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Move to enter closed session in connection with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

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

Council entered closed session at 8:15 pm.

Move to exit closed session.

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

Council exited closed session at 8:21 pm.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:22 p.m.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: May 15, 2023

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