



**Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, April 1, 2024
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. DDA Interview: Sean Murphy**
- 5. Salary and Wage Survey Discussion**
- 6. Pre-Budget Discussion**
- 7. Resolution Supporting Statutory Revenue Sharing Reform**
- 8. Discuss enhancing walkability by narrowing some of the downtown streets to highlight the historical Interurban Railroad that ran through Farmington in the early 1900s**
- 9. Other Business**
- 10. Public Comment**
- 11. Council Comment**
- 12. Adjournment**

The City will follow its normal procedures for accommodation of persons with disabilities. Those individuals needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the City Clerk (248) 474-5500, ext. 2218 at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt will be made to make reasonable accommodations.

Farmington City Council Staff Report	Council Meeting Date: April 1, 2024	Item Number 4
Submitted by: Melissa Andrade, Assistant to the City Manager		
Agenda Topic: Board and Commission Interviews: DDA		
Proposed Motion: Move to appoint Sean Murphy to the Farmington Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors to a 4-year term ending February 28, 2028.		
Background: The DDA Board currently has a vacancy. The opening was posted on March 9 requesting applications be submitted by March 20.		
Materials: Application		



APPLICATION FOR CITY OF FARMINGTON
BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Thank you for your interest in serving the City of Farmington as an appointed public representative.
Applications will be maintained on file for future consideration

Date: March 8, 2024

Name: Murphy Sean Patrick
Last First Middle

Home Address: 23816 Farmington Road Farmington 48336
Number & Street City Zip

Home Telephone: 248-763-6644 Voting Precinct: #1

Email: seanmurphyesq@gmail.com

Employer: Law Offices of Jason A. Waechter

Business Address: 19080 W. 10 Mile Road Southfield 48075
Number & Street City Zip

Business Telephone: 248-331-9127

Have you been a resident of Farmington for the past 12 months? Yes

Please state your reasons for volunteering to serve our community as an appointed public representative.
I very much enjoyed my previous service on the DDA board and have continued to serve on DDA subcommittees since my previous term expired in 2021. It's a great organization with a very talented Executive Director and Coordinator who, along with an energetic board, have championed a multitude of monumental developments in our downtown over the last several years, to the benefit of merchants and community members alike. I'm excited about the prospect of contributing to the ongoing momentum any way that I can.

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PREFERENCE(S)

- A. Commission on Aging
- B. Arts Commission
- C. Beautification Committee*
- D. Board of Review
- E. Charter Review Committee
- F. Commission on Children, Youth & Families
- G. Community Health Commission
- H. Construction Board of Appeals
- I. Downtown Development Authority
- J. Emergency Preparedness Committee
- K. Friends of the Governor Warner Mansion
- L. Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority
- M. Historical Commission
- N. Innovation, Energy and Environmental Sustainability Committee
- O. Library Board of Directors
- P. Parking Advisory Committee
- Q. Pathways Committee*
- R. Planning Commission
- S. Zoning Board of Appeals

*City of Farmington residency not required

EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT

Wayne State University Law School	Juris Doctor	2007
Name of College/University	Degree	Year Attained
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	Bachelor of Arts	2004
Name of College/University	Degree	Year Attained
Farmington High School	H.S. Diploma	2000
Name of Institution/High School	Diploma/Certificate	Year Attained

(Degree or advance education is not required for appointment consideration)

EMPLOYMENT/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Please describe your professional qualifications and/or employment experience.

I am a practicing Plaintiff civil litigation attorney, managing a full case load from intake through trial. My experience has enabled me to work with a wide variety of personality types in both amicable and adversarial situations and advocate for the good of my clients.

COMMUNITY/PUBLIC SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Please describe you previous experience with community-based organizations or other volunteer activities.

I served two full terms on the DDA board of Directors between 2013 and 2021, including two years as Vice President, one as Secretary, and a stint reconstituting and chairing the Business Development Committee. I have served on the Promotion and Harvest Moon subcommittees and continue to do so. I was on the founding committee for the Grand Raven Festival, and continue to assist. I have been and remain a supporter of the many DDA initiatives that have enhanced the vibrancy and walkability of our downtown, including Farmington Road Streetscape, Dinan Park, public art and redevelopment projects that will help us continue to strive to reach our potential.


I'm also currently serving as the chair of the Bicentennial Task Force, a committee full of talented, hardworking community and council members working to commemorate our 200th year, in coordination with the City, DDA and other local institutions.

SPECIAL SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Please describe any special skills, abilities, talents, etc., that you are willing to share.

Skills in negotiation, problem solving, analytical thinking and interpersonal communication by way of my legal background.

I'm unfortunately a little short on talent and could not carry a tune to save my life.



Applicant signature

Please attach any additional pages or documents and return completed application to:

City of Farmington
c/o City Manager's Office
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, Michigan 48335
(248) 474-5500 extension 2221

Farmington City Council Staff Report	Council Meeting Date: April 1, 2024	Item Number 5
Submitted by: City Manager, David Murphy		
Agenda Topic: Wage and Salary Compensation Study		
Proposed Motion: N/A		
<p>Background: We engaged with the MML (Michigan Municipal league) to preform a wage and Compensation Survey for the city of Farmington's non-represented administrative employees. We wanted to have our current pay grades and steps reviewed and recommendations made to improve the system.</p> <p>Mr. Jeff Rahmberg from Rahmberg Stover and Associates oversaw the study. Mr. Rahmberg will be at the meeting Monday to present the final report.</p> <p>The plan is to have Mr. Rahmberg make his presentation and to give Council some time to digest the document, and have further discussions at a future meeting.</p>		
Materials:		

Farmington City Council Staff Report	Council Meeting Date: April 1, 2024	Item Number 7
Submitted by: David Murphy, City Manager		
Agenda Topic: Resolution Supporting Statutory Revenue Sharing Reform		
Proposed Motion: Move to adopt the resolution supporting statutory revenue sharing reform: Revenue Sharing Trust Fund		
Background:		
Materials: Resolution		

**CITY OF FARMINGTON
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION NO. _____
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATUTORY REVENUE SHARING REFORM
“REVENUE SHARING TRUST FUND”**

At a meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, held on the ___ day of _____, 2024, at the City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan 48335 the following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____.

The City of Farmington, along with other local units of government in Michigan relies on State Revenue Sharing to provide general fund services to its residents; and

State revenue sharing in Michigan is divided into two types: constitutional and statutory, with the latter being subject to legislative appropriations; and

Through the State government’s annual appropriation process, actual statutory revenue-sharing payments to cities, villages, townships, and counties have been below full funding each year since 2001,

In 2023, the City of Farmington received \$278,884 less in statutory revenue-sharing payments than it did in 2003; and

This reduction in statutory revenue sharing is a cumulative \$8,743,215 over the past 20 years that has placed an undue financial strain on the City of Farmington and other Michigan cities, resulting in a reduction of essential services or increased local taxation, both of which adversely affect residents;

The 2023 State budget allocated \$530 million in Statutory Revenue Sharing to be distributed to all cities, villages, townships, and counties through its annual appropriation process;

In October 2023, The State House of Representatives voted 106-4 to amend the Michigan Trust Fund Act and the General Sales Tax Act, respectively, to establish a “Revenue Sharing Trust Fund” that would distribute money from sales tax revenue to local units of government;

The act creates a stable and predictable revenue source by dedicating a portion of sales tax revenue for annual statutory revenue sharing payments dedicated for cities, villages, townships, and counties; and

The recent Growing Michigan Together Council Report highlighted the need for continued local investment and the importance of the relationship between thriving local communities, population growth, and positive local economies; furthermore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mayor and City Council of Farmington hereby ask our State Representatives and Governor Whitmer’s administration to support the adoption of House Bills 4274 and 4275.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Clerk share copies of this resolution with neighboring municipal jurisdictions

CERTIFICATION:

I, Meaghan K. Bachman, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Farmington, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a resolution adopted by the Farmington City Council at their Regular Meeting held on _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed by official signature this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Meaghan K. Bachman
City Clerk, City of Farmington

Farmington City Council Staff Report	Council Meeting Date: April 1, 2024	Item Number 8
Submitted by: Mayor Joe LaRussa		
Agenda Topic: Interurban Railway Discussion		
Proposed Motion: Discuss enhancing walkability by narrowing some of the downtown streets to highlight the historical Interurban Railroad that ran through Farmington in the early 1900s.		
Background: During the construction of Dinan Park, contractors uncovered parts of the interurban railroad that ran through Farmington in the early 1900s. This spurred an initiative aimed at enhancing the walkability of our city while simultaneously highlighting a remarkable historical feature: the buried 1900 railway located beneath Grand River Avenue and Farmington Road. As we strive to create more pedestrian-friendly environments, this proposal presents an opportunity to not only prioritize the needs of pedestrians but also celebrate our city's rich heritage during our bicentennial year. This railway, once a vital artery of transportation in our city, holds significant historical value and offers a unique glimpse into our past. However, its buried state has relegated it to obscurity, with many residents and visitors unaware of its existence. To celebrate the historical significance of the buried railway, we envision incorporating interpretive signage, interactive displays, and artistic installations along the revamped pedestrian paths. These features will educate residents and visitors about the railway's history, significance, and its role in shaping our city's development. Our proposal seeks to transform the downtown into a pedestrian-friendly zone by narrowing the street, reclaiming space for pedestrians, and integrating features that highlight the buried railway. By reducing the width of Grand River Avenue, we aim to slow vehicular traffic and create a safer and more inviting environment for pedestrians with wider sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, and dedicated bike lanes. These enhancements will prioritize the safety and convenience of pedestrians and cyclists, encouraging active modes of transportation. We plan to seek grants that support historic preservation.		
Materials: Pictures of Dinan Park Excavation		





