



Regular City Council Meeting  
7:00 pm, Monday, December 6, 2021  
Council Chambers  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335

## FINAL

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on December 6, 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
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

City Clerk Mullison  
City Manager Murphy  
City Attorney Saarela

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Davies, 23120 Violet, announced the Beautification Committee Holiday Lights contest for this year. She also thanked Council for joining in the Bootification Parade in October and spoke about the Beautification Committee proposed expansion and the prospective members to be interviewed later in the meeting.

#### 4. **AMEND RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE TO HAVE NINE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

City Manager Murphy explained that the Beautification Committee is considering taking care of more city and municipal gardening. In order to do this, the chair has requested that the committee add two more members to help with the labor.

Bowman said that membership on a committee might bring more investment in projects than being a volunteer. Discussion about needing more hands on the committee, whether all current committee members are pulling their weight, whether adding alternate members might be a good answer, and how many members are on other similar committees

**Move to amend the resolution establishing the Beautification Committee to increase the number of committee members from seven to nine.\*\***

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

#### 5. **INTERVIEWS FOR BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

Council interviewed Sandy Smallish and Alana Abdal for open positions on the Beautification Committee.

#### 6. **DISCUSSION WITH COUNCIL REGARDING BLEACHERS FOR DRAKE PARK**

Murphy explained that wood bleachers are difficult to maintain, requiring frequent painting and board replacement, and that the present bleachers lack railings and boards crack throughout the season, creating hazards for spectators. Replacing the bleachers at fields at both Drake and Shiawassee parks with an aluminum style bleacher would provide more durable, safer seating and require less maintenance.

Council discussed how many were actually needed since eleven are being removed. Schneemann requested that Dan Irvin of SFBA be consulted on use. Funding and budget allocations were discussed, and it was requested that the topic be brought back after more research as to which or how many need to be replaced. Council also requested that bids be narrowed down to three suppliers.

#### 7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Murphy reported on recent Waste Management contract meetings and requested that Council consider our own participation in changes to the Waste Management agreement with other surrounding communities. Discussion followed about options. Mike Csapo of RRRASOC will be at the next meeting to answer questions from Council. LaRussa asked for details of the current contract in order to make an informed decision.

Murphy also let Council know that City Engineers will be presenting their findings on Governor Warner Mansion use at a meeting in January of 2022.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

**9. COUNCIL COMMENT**

No Council comment was heard.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Schneemann, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Balk, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor

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Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: December 20, 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.