



Regular City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Monday, September 20, 2021  
Council Chambers  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335

## FINAL

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on September 20, 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 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Bowman.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

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

#### City Administration Present

Superintendent Eudy  
City Clerk Mullison  
City Manager Murphy  
City Attorney Schultz  
Director Warthman  
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. August 16, 2021 Special
  - b. August 16, 2021 Regular
  - c. September 7, 2021 Regular
- C. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- D. Resignation from the Farmington Beautification Committee
- E. Farmington Monthly Payment Report

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

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

### 4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Move to approve the regular agenda as amended, adding Item 7. O. - Payment Application No.2 for Drake Park Improvements.\*\*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	DeLind, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Schneemann, Councilmember

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason Schlaf, Farmington Brewing Company, expressed his support of the extension of the patio permit for over the winter months.

Terry Burrell, 2799 West Grand Blvd Detroit MI, expressed that the Warner Mansion should use a Farmington.gov address rather than a Facebook link.

Sara Davies, 23120 Violet, and Pam Wright, 21492 Birchwood, were sorry to see Gayathri Ilango leave the Beautification Committee. They spoke of all the good she had done.

### 6. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### A. Beautification Award Winners

Sarah Davies and Pam Wright, Beautification Committee members, announced the winners of the 2021 Beautification awards. The residential winners named were:

Precinct 1 – David and Donna Armstrong, 23907 Pickett  
Precinct 2 – David Kreis, 22804 Power  
Precinct 3 – Hilal Farhat and Anna Skrzypczak, 32330 Leelane  
Precinct 4 – Hans and Kathryn Varblow, 21436 Birchwood  
Precinct 5 – Michael Mercer, 34247 Cass Court  
Precinct 6 – Patricia Hurst, 36601 Vicary Lane

The Business Award winner was Mugs Coffee & Grub, the Edible Gardens Winner was Chrissy Emmick, the Sunflower Hero was Rick Hatfield, the Heart of Farmington was Joni Hubred, and the Sunshine Award was given to Pam Wright.

## **B. 2021 Farmington Founders Festival Update**

Mayor Bowman shared information about the 2021 Founders Festival, successfully produced by Julie Law of 360 Events Productions, and talked through some numbers and results, ending with projections for next year.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Consideration to establish the Farmington Founders Festival Advisory Committee**

City Manager Murphy requested approval for the creation of a Founders Festival Advisory Committee to create continuity, ensure engagement of stakeholders, and provide an identity for the City's most iconic event. The concept assumes that the City will for the foreseeable future contract with a third-party event production company, but that does not preclude an eventual recommendation by the body of some other option.

City Attorney Schultz clarified that the resolution would assist City Council with recommendations regarding the Festival and its components. This group is intended to be a working, daytime committee to help in planning, not a decision-making group.

LaRussa thanked Bowman for all of the work and dedication invested to bring the 2021 Founders Festival to the community. He asked whether other discussion had occurred, and Bowman let him know that forming a committee was the long-term solution that had been discussed earlier. The committee's one and only task would be to ensure that Farmington has a festival.

Schneemann echoed LaRussa's comments toward Bowman's efforts but questioned the composition of the group that had been proposed to make up the committee. Bowman explained the thought process behind the selections. Discussion was had about including a Farmington Hills member in the committee so as to be able to tap into their resources.

Taylor suggested that the festival be named the Farmington Founders Festival rather than using the term "Greater Farmington".

**Move to approve Resolution creating the Farmington Founders Festival Advisory Committee.\*\***

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

**B. Reappoint Todd Craft to the Downtown Development Authority**

Bowman recalled that the Council had an opportunity to speak with Todd Craft last month and asked for approval of his reappointment.

**Move to reappoint Todd Craft to the Farmington Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors for a 4-year term ending February 28, 2025.\*\***

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

**C. Consideration to adopt Budget Amendment Resolution #1, amending the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget**

Director Weber requested approval for moving funds from the 2020-21 fiscal year to the 2021-22 fiscal year to account for projects that take place during the summer and span year end. None of the items on the budget amendment represent non-budgeted expenditures; they are a reallocation of budget from one fiscal year to the next.

**Move to adopt Budget Amendment Resolution #1 amending Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget.\*\***

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

**D. Consideration to allow South Farmington Baseball and Softball, Inc. to place fencing and a warning track between fields 2 & 3 at Drake Park**

Murphy introduced Dan Irvin of SFBI and explained that South Farmington Baseball & Softball, Inc. would like permission to place fencing and a warning track between fields 2 & 3 at Drake Park to create home run opportunities for the kids that play at these fields. This project is

estimated to cost the organization \$18,000 and will be paid for by monies they had raised combined with a grant received.

Schneemann thanked Irvin for his help and asked about the warning track addition. He also asked if the proposed modifications would have implications for the use of the fields for cricket players. Irvin responded that he did not know but mentioned that the community of cricket players was always courteous and flexible.

LaRussa thanked Irvin for enhancing both the game and the City's public assets for recreation.

Schultz noted that there will be an agreement with the group to enter on City property with additional insurance provided.

**Move to allow South Farmington Baseball and Softball, Inc. to place fencing and a warning track between fields 2 & 3 at Drake Park.\*\***

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

**E. Introduction: Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – permanent outdoor seating enclosures**

Director Christiansen requested that Council approve a first reading of an Ordinance that would allow business owners to use weather-resistant outdoor seating enclosures pursuant to special land use approval from October 31 through April 15 and during inclement weather between April 15 and October 31. The DDA Design Committee reviewed the proposed change and gave input to the Planning Commission, who also reviewed the request and held a public hearing. After revisions made by the City Attorney, the proposed Ordinance Amendment made its way to Council.

In answer to a question by Schneemann, Christiansen outlined the entire history of the amendments to City ordinances that recently assisted businesses in providing outdoor seating relief. Discussion ensued about present building code, previous meetings on the topic, special land use requirements, permanent architectural efforts, and the merits of annual renewal of already-approved structures. It was determined that there was a need to reevaluate the language of the amendment and bring back for a second reading.

Though the ordinance amendment as read only allows for structures to the rear or side of an establishment, Taylor noted that she prefers that front enclosures be added to assist the business owner who originally asked for the amendment.

Bowman asked if there were had been any other requests received to add front structures, and Christiansen said there have not been. She suggested that Christiansen go back to the original requestor to see if the amendment process needs to be continued since the ordinance amendment as it is presently would still not allow the business owner to have the originally

requested front structure. Schneemann reminded Council that this was a first reading and that issues could be sorted out for the second reading.

Council requested clarity on dining versus seating, on permanent versus temporary, and Taylor was interested in including structures in front of buildings. Schultz stated that he will present the discussion and conclusions of the recommending bodies at the next reading.

**Move to approve introduction of an ordinance relating to the authorization to apply for special land use approval for weather resistant outdoor seating enclosures and special land use, Chapter 35, Section 35-102, "Table of Uses", first reading.\*\***

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

**F. Consideration to approve payment to Michigan Electrical Services for the 9 Mile Retention Basin lighting replacement**

Superintendent Eudy asked Council to approve payment for 9 Mile Retention Basin Lighting Replacement.

**Move to approve payment to Michigan Electrical Services for the 9 Mile Retention Basin Lighting Replacement.\*\***

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

**G. Request to approve replacement of carpeting in the administrative side of City Hall**

Director Weber requested approval for replacing carpeting in the administrative side of city hall, including the Treasurer, Clerk, Building, City Manager, Copy Room, and Break Room areas. 2021/22 General Fund Budget includes funds for the project. Three (3) estimates for carpeting and flooring were obtained and Cohn's Commercial Floor Covering submitted the lowest estimate.

Schneemann asked about specifications for quality levels on bids and suggested that the City should know exactly what quality carpet is being quoted. He felt that the bids were not able to be compared if the product was not specified as to carpet quality levels.

**Move to approve request to have Cohn's Commercial Floor Covering (Wixom, MI)  
Replace Carpet in the Administrative Side of City Hall in the Amount of \$15,571.\*\***

**RESULT:** APPROVED AS PRESENTED [4-1]  
**MOVER:** Taylor, Councilmember  
**SECONDER:** DeLind, Councilmember  
**AYES:** Taylor, Bowman, DeLind, LaRussa  
**NAYS:** Schneemann

**H. Consideration to authorize purchase of replacement Pick-up 12 for DPW**

Eudy explained that the current Fiscal Year budget has funds allocated for the replacement of DPW truck #12. The current truck is a 2005 GMC 2500 HD four-wheel drive extended cab pick-up with an 8-foot Western snowplow blade, and replacement of this truck has been delayed due to budget constraints.

**Move to authorize the purchase of a 2022 GMC 2500 HD four-wheel drive extended cab pick-up with an eight-foot Western snowplow blade.\*\***

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

**I. Consideration to authorize purchase of replacement Pick-up 14 for DPW**

Eudy also requested permission to purchase a replacement for a 2000 Ford F-350 four-wheel drive regular cab pick-up. The new vehicle would be outfitted with a utility flatbed, crane, and toolboxes specifically designed for a water and sewer department and would be used for removal of pumps at the lift station.

**Move to authorize the purchase of a 2022 GMC 3500 HD four-wheel drive regular cab pick-up and upfitter equipment by Knapheide in the amount of \$63,129.70.\*\***

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

**J. Consideration to accept and approve Construction Estimate No. 2  
Farmington DPW/City Hall HVAC Improvements**

Eudy recommended payment of \$79,701.00 for the boiler installation with a retainage of \$4,195. He also recommended the release of retainage for the HVAC replacement at City Hall in the amount of \$1,282.00.

**Move to approve Construction Estimate No. 2 and payment for the DPW/City Hall HVAC improvements to Diversified Heating & Cooling Inc. in the amount of \$80,983 plus earned interest for Payment No. 2.\*\***

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

**K. Request to approve purchase of six Dell Latitude 5425 Mobile Data Computers**

Director Warthman reported that Mobile Data Computers (MDC's) are the computers that are in patrol vehicles, and they get 24/7/365 use. Current MDCs are over six (6) years old and in need of replacement as some have computer keys that are broken/missing, screen cracks and are now considered old technology. This is a budgeted expenditure for FY 2021-2022, and the purchase price is being made through an Oakland County bid.

**Move to approve FY 2021/2022 budget request to purchase six (6) Dell Latitude 5425 Mobile Data Computers from Dell Technologies in the amount of \$17,782.08.\*\***

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

**L. Consideration to approve extending the Masonic Hall parking lot license agreement**

Murphy recounted that on September 14, 2011, the City of Farmington and the Farmington Masonic Temple Association entered into a Masonic Hall Parking Lot License Agreement to allow the City to utilize the Masonic Hall parking lot for public parking pursuant to certain terms and conditions. The Agreement was for a 10-year period, ending on September 14, 2021. At this time the City and the Masonic Lodge want to extend the agreement for a period of one year while they evaluate whether continuing the agreement for a longer period of time is advisable, and whether any changes to the terms or conditions to the agreement are either necessary or appropriate in light of a 2019 PUD Agreement for the renovation and use of the Masonic property, including the parking lot area, to allow for a commercial use on the first floor of the building.



**Move to approve a one-year extension of the Masonic Hall parking lot license agreement commencing on September 14, 2021 and ending on September 14, 2022.\*\***

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

**M. Consideration to approve payments for local street Crack Sealing Program**

Eudy summarized the Crack Sealing Program to date and requested payment for completion of the project for this year.

**Move to approve Change Order No. 1, & Construction Estimate and payment No. 3 (final) to Wolverine Sealcoating for Local Street Crack Sealing Program.\*\***

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

**N. Consideration to amend the Park Reservation, Facility Use and Special Events Policy**

Murphy recounted that there have been recent inquiries into using Drake Park for special events. Currently the Park Reservation, Facility Use and Special Events Policy does not allow for special events in Drake Park, but Council discussed the possibility of amending the policy to begin allowing for special events at the September 7, 2021 meeting. Council directed the City Manager and the City Attorney to draft an amendment for the September 20, 2021 meeting to allow special events in Drake Park.

**Move to approve the proposed Park Reservation, Facility Use and Special Events Policy as presented.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Schneemann, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember

**O. Pay Application No.2 for Drake Park Improvements**

Eudy asked for approval of payment for paving work done in August at Drake Park.

**Move to approve Payment Application No.2 for Drake Park Improvements to Asphalt Specialist Incorporated (ASI).**

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

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Burrell, 2799 West Grand Blvd Detroit MI, said Michigan should be the second state to legalize drugs.

## 9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENT

Bowman requested Council consideration before October 31st to extend outdoor seating for businesses with current outdoor heaters, igloos, and Farmington huts.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Schneemann, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	DeLind, Councilmember

Meeting adjourned 9:02 p.m.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor

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Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: October 18, 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.