



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, May 1, 2023
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on May 1, 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 7:04 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

Superintendent Eudy
Executive Director Knight
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as presented.**

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Patricia Hansen, 32745 Cloverdale, requested Council’s support in keeping the Costick Center open.

4. PRESENTATION: MAIN STREET ACCREDITATION, TIM COLBECK OF MAIN STREET OAKLAND COUNTY

Tim Colbeck, Main Street Oakland County, explained that the Main Street Accreditation moves through a formal evaluation process including the program, the volunteers, the staff, and how well the organization runs. Categories under which the Farmington DDA is doing very well on include visual presence in social media, level of coordination and cooperation between DDA, business owners, and City Council, and the use of analytics to help make decisions. Colbeck presented DDA Executive Director Kate Knight with a plaque celebrating their Select Level award, which is one of only twelve in Oakland County. Bowman noted that accreditation doesn’t just happen and that the Farmington DDA is doing very well.

5. CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE FINAL COST INCREASE OF REPLACEMENT FREIGHTLINER TRUCK CHASSIS FOR DPW PER REVISED PRICING

Superintendent Eudy explained why this confirmed cost was an increase from the already budgeted purchase.

Move to authorize payment for the 2024 Freightliner 108 SD from Wolverine Freightliner Incorporated. The final pricing is \$102,303, an increase of \$4,253 from the September 2022 update.**

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

6. REVISED DINAN PARK WATER MAIN CONNECTION/EXTENSION

Eudy explained that this increased cost was necessary due to the actual position of the water main that will be extended in order to service Dinan Park. This is a revised proposal to the one approved last month. Installing a water main loop will improve system resiliency and this tentative improvement had been included in the Water Reliability Study in 2014 & 2020. In response to a question from LaRussa, Eudy said that this will provide a more efficient path to the water main for many nearby businesses.

Move to approve revised agreement with Warren Contractors to install the water main extension in Dinan Park/West Parking lot in the amount of \$108,000.**

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

7. APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW

Council interviewed three candidates for a vacancy on the Board of Review at the April 17 Special City Council Meeting: Charles Bridges, Dr. Harrison Igwe, and Thomas Killeen. The term is through Dec. 31, 2024, which is a partial term due to a board resignation.

After a short discussion, Council appointed Thomas Killeen to the Board of Review.

Move to appoint Thomas Killeen to the Farmington Board of Review for a term ending December 31, 2024.**

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

8. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE: RESIGNATION & REAPPOINTMENT

Bowman introduced Jelani Nelson’s resignation and praised Ann Echols’ commitment to the EPC over the years.

Move to accept the resignation of Jelani Nelson from the Farmington/Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Commission and further move to reappoint Ann Echols to the Farmington/Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Commission, for a 3-year term ending February 1, 2026.**

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

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY PROPERTY

Murphy informed Council that the contractor was able to give the city a more accurate quote for demolition based on more specific information.

Schneemann expressed concern about how the property will look after the demolition. Taylor agreed with Schneemann and spoke about showing the public that we were serious with moving forward with plans for the Mansion. She indicated that she was eager to sell off a couple of the lots. LaRussa requested clarification from OHM about the change in grade and whether it might affect the Mansion grounds. Bowman asked whether parking entrances would remain the same after demolition and asked for parking signs indicating that it was public parking. Schneemann noted that the parking lot should be protected during demolition.

Move to enter into proposed agreement to demolish the main building at 33825 Grand River along with the small building.**

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

10. DISCUSSION: SPECIAL EVENTS POLICY

City Attorney Schultz opened a discussion on an amended version of the Special Events Policy, with a focus on the use of Riley Park. Discussion ensued and Council indicated that they would like to have an updated draft come back to Council soon for approval.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Murphy announced that he will be out of town and not at the next scheduled meeting, but that Director Weber will be taking care of his administrative duties until he returns.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

13. CITY COUNCIL COMMENT

LaRussa reported on recent SEMCOG Executive Committee actions and initiatives. He also reported on grants and submittal assistance that might be available.

Bowman apologized for missing the upcoming Public Safety Awards dinner and stated that it was a wonderful opportunity to meet the families of our officers.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:28 p.m.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: May 15, 2023

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