



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2023
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on February 21, 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 7:00 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	Absent	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Superintendent Eudy
Director Houhanisin
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz
Director Weber

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Accept City of Farmington Board and Commission Minutes
- B. City of Farmington Minutes
 - a. January 17, 2023 Regular
 - b. February 6, 2023 Special
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- E. Approve and ratify use of donation by the Shirley V. Richardson Revocable Living Trust for payment of the Streetscape Pocket Park
- F. Payment to 23534 Farmington Road, LLC, for corrective foundation work in connection with the Streetscape

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented, with a spelling correction in the EPC Minutes.**

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

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.**

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

6. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Safety Promotions

Director Bob Houhanisin introduced two candidates for promotion within the Public Safety Department: Sergeant Shane Wash to Commander and Public Safety Officer Cody Hawkins to Sergeant. City Clerk Mary Mullison administered the supervisory oath of office to each, and they were presented with their new badges.

B. Pathways Committee Year-end Report

Tim Prince, Chair of the Pathways Committee, presented a report on activities to date and included information about future plans. The presentation was designed by committee member Brent Bartman. Committee member Sue Lover was also in attendance.

Schneemann commented that it has been great to watch this committee flourish over the last two years and noted that they had done a lot of good work. Bowman also commended the committee for their excellent and important work, and Taylor spoke about her excitement in being able to be a part of the committee and for the Safe Routes to School grant, noting that committee member Sue Lover had done much toward that. Bowman added that she would also like to recognize all of the work past committee member Sue Arlin had done over the last two years.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Classification and Compensation Study

City Manager Murphy requested permission to fund creating or updating job descriptions and a compensation study to meet a Council goal and help with employee reviews. He noted that he had removed the request from the budget the last few years, but feels it is time to get it done.

Schneemann asked whether this had been out to bid, and Murphy explained why he had chosen the MML to contract for the study. Bowman said it was a very important study to allow Farmington to remain competitive in the workforce.

Move to approve the proposed agreement with the Michigan Municipal League (MML) to perform a Classification and Compensation Study.**

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

B. Cost Estimate from Summit

Murphy explained the need to transform one of the former offices of the Building and Planning department to an employee break room, a welcome repurposing of the space.

After a question by Schneemann, it was agreed to add the cost of the request in the motion.

Move to approve the proposed agreement with Summit of Livonia to make improvements to the new employee break room on the main floor at City Hall in the amount of \$21,842.**

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

C. Consideration to Amend Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget

Murphy asked for an amendment of the current budget that would provide funding for 2 projects: to provide \$21,000 of funding to create a breakroom next to the City Council Chambers and to provide \$10,000 in additional funding for a compensation study.

Currently \$20,000 is budgeted in the General and Water Sewer Funds. The budget would increase the amount in the 2 funds to a total of \$30,000. Both projects will be funded through additional investment earnings, resulting from higher than budgeted interest rates.

Move to adopt Budget Amendment Resolution #3 amending Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.**

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

D. Farmington Road Brick Paver Improvements

Superintendent Eudy stated that a local landscape contractor was able to complete a segment of the brick paver installation on Farmington Road near Grand River, allowing pedestrian access the sidewalk on the east side of Farmington Road over the winter months. The sub-contractor for the Streetscape contractor was not willing to do that due to weather conditions, and as this will reduce the unit quantities of the brick paver installation within the project, this payment to the local landscaper will be removed from the scope of the Farmington Streetscape project.

Schneemann asked whether this would reduce cost of the streetscape proportionately. Eudy also answered a question about the brick paver warranty and said that he anticipated no issues with the installation. Balk commented that she was personally grateful that the section had been completed for the holidays.

Move to approve payment of \$18,350 to Willson/Swykert Landscaping for brick paver installation on Farmington Road.**

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

E. Nine Mile Retention Environmental Quality Basin

Oakland County Water Resource Commission (OCWRC) is permitting the City of Farmington to use their contract with Rotor Electric for the Electrical Conductor Megger Project at the Nine Mile Retention Environmental Quality Basin. OCWRC will oversee the project, conduct all inspections, and provide staff to assist the contractor as needed. The Nine Mile Retention Environmental Quality Basin is 32 years old and should be inspected to verify its condition. Conducting the Electrical Service Equipment Assessment will test the electrical conductor insulation value and locate conductors susceptible to failure and reduce the risk of damaging or failure critical equipment.

Schneemann had questions about the bidding process that OCWRC went through, saying that the three bids were inconsistent in that one was an engineering firm, one a contractor, and the other a contractor that misread the RFP and gave costs for replacement of everything. Eudy explained OCWRC justification of the choice and expressed confidence in the contractor that had been chosen.

Move to approve the award of the Nine Mile Retention Environmental Quality Basin Electrical Service Equipment Assessment Project to Rotor Electric in the amount of \$38,000 plus a 10 percent contingency and \$6,000 for Oakland County Water Resource Commission (OCWRC) Services; and allow OCWRC to execute the contract documents. Total estimated expense of the project is \$47,800.**

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

F. DPW and Public Safety Entrance Door Replacement

Eudy explained that the Fiscal Year 22/23 Budget has funds allocated in both the Capital Improvement Millage and Water & Sewer funds for door and frame replacements at the DPW building and the prisoner entrance door and frame at Public Safety. Most of the doors at DPW are nearly 50 years old and have deteriorated. The prisoner entrance door at Public Safety is over 25 years old and is also in need of replacement.

Schneemann noted that the cost of the doors seems reasonable for today's market. Eudy also noted that this expense would be split over two years, with the quoted prices holding for the second year as well.

Move to award DPW Door Replacement to Cass Lock Contracting & Services Co, Inc in the amount of \$32,048.00 to replace seven (7) entrance doors at the DPW Building and the Prisoner Entrance at Public Safety.**

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

8. CITY COUNCIL COMMENT

Bowman thanked the Pathways Committee for their great presentation. She also thanked Director Weber for his work in the committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:04 p.m.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: March 20, 2023

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