

**CITY OF FARMINGTON**  
**GRAND RIVER CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 14, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Farmington Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Chairman Paul King.

Members Present: Mark Accettura, Dr. David Carron, Richard Graham, Paul King, Councilmember Steve Schneemann  
Members Absent: Patrick Thomas and Randy O'Dell  
Staff: City Manager David Murphy & Director of Finance and Administration Chris Weber  
Other:

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Graham, supported by Dr. Carron to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Graham, supported by Dr. Carron to approve the March 14, 2024 minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

**REVIEW OF PROJECTED 23/24 BUDGET**

Director of Finance and Administration Chris Weber reviewed the 23/24 projected budget with the Board.

- Councilmember Schneemann asked the status of the city entry signs. Chairman King explained the large gateway sign they wanted was priced out of the budget. They plan to continue the sign discussion.
- Dr. Carron asked about TIF plan; City Manager Murphy said he'd send a copy of the TIF plan to the Board members.
- No motion needed for this topic.

**REVIEW OF PROPOSED 24/25 BUDGET PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL TO COUNCIL**

Director of Finance and Administration Chris Weber reviewed the 24/25 projected budget.

- Chairman King asked if adjustments to the budget could be made during the year needed; Director Weber said yes.
- Director Weber asked if there were any other projects to add to the budget. King mentioned the Board would like to see movement on the properties on the north side of Grand River including and near Radio Shack. These businesses have been unoccupied for years, but there has been no movement.
- King also mentioned that the closed service station on the corner of Grand River and Power was starting to have cars parked at it.
- Accettura asked what was going on at the Haddad property (32580 Grand River Avenue), that there are blocks out front. City Manager Murphy said that he believes that building is being rehabilitated.
- Dr. Carron asked about the Winery. Director Weber explained that the owner asked for a delay in the foreclosure due to past legal issues; a 1-year delay was granted. Director Weber explained that if the property goes into foreclosure, it is offered to the state, then the county, then the city, then would be up for public auction if none of the other entities purchased it. The city would have to pay two times the assessed value to purchase it; if it goes to public auction, the bidding would start at the level of the owed taxes.
- Dr. Carron asked about the status of the former American Legion Building. City Manager Murphy said he'd call to find out.
- No motion needed for this topic.

**DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL**

The board agreed to meet with council in the near future. Chairperson King can only meet on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. City Manager Murphy will check Council availability.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**BOARD COMMENT**

Schneemann suggested that perhaps there is another project similar to repairing the crumbling sidewalk the Board could work on.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 8:55 am** Motion by Councilmember Schneeman, supported by Accettura. Motion approved unanimously.