



Regular City Council Meeting  
7:00 pm, Monday, January 3, 2022  
Council Chambers  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335

## FINAL

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on January 3, 2022 in 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	Absent	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

#### City Administration Present

City Clerk Mullison  
City Manager Murphy  
City Attorney Schultz  
Director Weber

#### 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

No public comment was heard.

**4. INTRODUCTION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF FARMINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2, "ADMINISTRATION," ARTICLE V, "EMPLOYEE BENEFITS," DIVISION 2 "RETIREMENT SYSTEM"**

City Manager Murphy and Director Weber recommended that certain language be amended in the current ordinance to bring Farmington's ordinance in line with the MERS Plan Document. There are no changes to benefit levels or pension amounts as a result of these proposed revisions.

**Move to approve introduction of a proposed ordinance to amend the City of Farmington Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, "Administration," Article V, "Employee Benefits," Division 2 "Retirement System," in order to clarify the terms and conditions of the City's participation in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) Program, including operation of the reserve accounts.\*\***

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

**5. CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE BLEACHERS**

Murphy reviewed three quotes and answered questions about bleacher quantities and sizes needed for optimal use and savings.

LaRussa thanked administration for coming back to Council with more information and asked about per unit savings with a more than ten-unit purchase. Discussion about usage, size, other proposed projects, timing of installation, and best options for funding the replacement of all twelve units as opposed to six. Council seemed in agreement to replace all bleachers needed from this year's General Fund or the Capital Improvement Fund. In response to questions by LaRussa, Weber indicated that he thought it was possible that this year's General Fund would be able to support the purchase of the bleachers but qualified it by stating that this was just his estimate as of today.

**Move to approve the purchase of twelve bleachers for Shiawassee and Drake Park using available funds in the General Fund to the greatest extent possible and any remaining balance required to come out of the Capital Improvement millage fund.\*\***

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

## 6. EXTENSION OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

Murphy noted that the City's contract with Waste Management was done at the end of June 2022. He announced that Waste Management had agreed to a two (2) year extension at \$14.23 per household for the first year of the extension and an optional second year to be increased by the CPI. This extension includes two (2) additional weeks of yard waste pick-up.

Bowman thanked Mike Csapo of RRRASOC for all of the work he did on Farmington's behalf for this extension.

**Move to approve the proposed two (2) year contract extension with Waste Management, with the second year being optional and the addition of two (2) weeks of yard waste.\*\***

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

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

Murphy announced that the Pathways Committee would be attending the next City Council meeting to give an update. Bowman asked Murphy to invite Susan Arlin, new director of the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce, to introduce herself at next meeting since she will already be there for the Pathways Committee update.

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

## 9. COUNCIL COMMENT

Bowman publically commended Assistant to the City Manager Melissa Andrade for the recent New Year's Eve Harry Potter Skate event. She said it was a fun family event and it was unbelievable to see the support of all the volunteers and City Hall staff. She also took a moment to note that former Mayor John Richardson recently passed away. He was the Mayor of Farmington from 1975 to 1977 and was very involved with many aspects of community involvement throughout his entire life.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor

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Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: January 18, 2022

**\*\***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.