



Regular City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Monday, October 18, 2021  
Council Chambers  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335

## FINAL

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on October 18, 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 7:00 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	Absent	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

#### City Administration Present

Director Christiansen  
Superintendent Eudy  
Executive Director Knight  
City Clerk Mullison  
City Manager Murphy  
City Attorney Saarela  
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. September 20, 2021 Special
  - b. September 20, 2021 Regular
  - c. September 30, 2021 Special Joint w/DDA
  - d. October 4, 2021 Regular
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- E. Commission on Children Youth and Family resignation
- F. Renew Agreement with Oakland County for IT services like CLEMIS and ArcGIS
- G. DPW Quarterly Report
- H. Building Department Quarterly Report

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

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

### 4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Move to approve the regular agenda presented.\*\*

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

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dave Clappison, representing downtown properties at 33211-33227 Grand River, drew Council's attention to the condition of the parking lot south of his property and gave an employee parking suggestion.

## 6. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

### A. Public Hearing – Principal Shopping District Special Assessment Renewal

Move to enter a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering a Principal Shopping District Special Assessment Renewal.\*\*

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

Public hearing was opened at 7:03 pm. No public comment was heard.

Public hearing was closed at 7:04 pm.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Consider resolution to renew the Principal Shopping District Special Assessment

Executive Director Knight requested approval of Resolution No. 5 as the final step in the Principal Shopping District Special Assessment renewal process. This SAD would be in effect for five years and would commence on July 1, 2022.

Move to adopt Resolution No. 5 to renew the Principal Shopping District Special Assessment.\*\*

<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, Bowman, DeLind, LaRussa
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Schneemann

### B. Approve payment for emergency sewer repair

Superintendent Eudy explained that during routine sewer cleaning maintenance, the Water & Sewer Department discovered a large amount of sand in the sewer main that services 79 homes & businesses the southern portion of Alta Loma Subdivision. Due to the condition of the pipe and the flow, workers were not able to CCTV the sewer main, and crews installed a temporary stint to maintain flow until a repair could be made. Due to the depth and condition of

the sanitary sewer, the decision was made to contact D'Angelo Brothers Incorporated to repair the main. Repairs included excavation to replace of 12' of 12" diameter clay pipe that was crushed and blocking the flow, pour new concrete bottom of sanitary sewer structure, 400 lineal feet of by-pass pumping for 4 days, and asphalt parking lot replacement.

Bowman asked whether follow-up conversations had been productive with the swim club in the area concerning the nature of their discharge to the sanitary sewer and how it was causing deterioration within the structure of the sewer system. Eudy said that he was researching and verifying before approaching them.

**Move to approve payment of \$80,043.04 to D'Angelo Brothers Incorporated, for the emergency sanitary sewer main repair.\*\***

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

**C. Approve Construction Estimate No. 1 for the Oakland Street Reconstruction-Water Main Replacement**

Eudy reported on project progress and requested payment for work completed through September 30, 2021. Discussion ensued about water shut-downs, the enormity of the task, and the impact on residents.

**Move to approve payment to V.I.L. Construction Incorporated for Construction Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$390,528.29 for the Oakland Street Reconstruction-Water Main Replacement Project.\*\***

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

**D. Approve payment for the 9 Mile DPW Salt Dome repairs**

Eudy reminded Council about their approval on September 7, 2021 for emergency repairs to the 9 Mile SPW Salt Dome. He requested payment to the subcontractor for the work done.

**Move to approve payment in the amount of \$57,000 to Grove Construction Services, the in-house contractor for Northern Sierra Corporation for the 9 Mile DPW Salt Dome repairs.\*\***

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

**E. Consideration to Schedule Program Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant Application Public Hearing**

City Manager Murphy requested approval for a public hearing as part of the application process for a CDBG. The grant could be used to continue the current city funding level for the senior center and senior services.

**Move to schedule a public hearing on November 15, 2021 for public comment on the proposed Program Year 2022 Community Development Block Grant application.\*\***

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

**F. Purchase twenty Mine Safety Appliance (MSA) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and additional system equipment**

Director Warthman noted that present equipment was from 2007 and that the department has submitted unsuccessful grant applications since 2017, finally receiving approval this year. He stated that this was a budgeted expense for this fiscal year of \$150,000, but that with the grant the City's cost would be \$46,452.08.

LaRussa commended Warthman and his team for persistence in obtaining the grant even after having the grant denied over the last several years.

**Move to approve FY 2021/2022 budget request to purchase twenty (20) Mine Safety Appliance (MSA) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and additional system equipment in the amount of \$175,848.60 with \$129,396.52 coming from an Assistance to Firefighters Grant.\*\***

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

**G. Approve resolution stating that the City commits to owning, operating, funding and implementing a maintenance program over the design life of the Farmington Road Streetscape project constructed with Transportation Alternatives Program funding**

Murphy explained that the Michigan Department of Transportation requests a resolution in order to request TAP funding for the project.

LaRussa asked about division between DDA and City for current costs of maintenance, and Murphy said that the DDA would still be reimbursing the City for the maintenance, but that this resolution would make the City the ultimate guarantor to the State for the service.

**Move to approve a resolution stating that the City commits to owning, operating, funding and implementing a maintenance program over the design life of the Project constructed with Transportation Alternatives Program funding.\*\***

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

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Melissa Lynch, 22635 Brookdale, voiced a rebuttal to an apology Councilmember Taylor had recently posted on social media about a reported incident from two weeks ago.

Kathleen Rice, 31972 Lamar, announced that her son was a sixteen-year-old professional snowboarder and would be arriving soon to tell Council about his accomplishments. Bowman offered to stay later to meet him if he did not arrive before the end of the meeting.

**9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENT**

LaRussa thanked Murphy for the re-introduction of the Event Calendar and said that he was glad things are coming back to life after a great summer. He mentioned several upcoming events as items of interest. He also commented that local elections matter and he encouraged residents to get out and vote.

Bowman addressed Council in her capacity as Mayor for the last time. She conveyed what a privilege it has been to serve and spoke of the goals and objectives she had planned for her tenure as Mayor. She recounted how her obviously best laid plans had been waylaid by a councilmember resigning and being replaced within her first few months along with several other changes at the helms of local entities, and then, of course, the world was hit with a global pandemic. Bowman said that she was grateful to Murphy for his steadfast leadership to the City staff. The continuation of City services and consideration for the health, safety, and well-being of City staff was a testament to his thoughtful decision-making. She thanked all employees and staff members who keep the City running. She took advantage of all engagement opportunities asked of the mayor and officiated at a dozen weddings. She thanked her family, the citizens of Farmington She has made every effort to be a good steward, support volunteers, to lead with integrity, and she promised to use her next two years as member on Council to continue listening, learning, and making decisions based on thoughtful consideration.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

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

Meeting adjourned 7:34 p.m.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor

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Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: November 15, 2021

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