



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, June 7, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on June 7, 2021, as a Virtual Meeting via Zoom, an electronic meeting platform. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976 and electronically as authorized under the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261, et seq., as amended by HB 1108, in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to vulnerable Michiganders by limiting in-person contact and the number of people interacting at public gatherings.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Bowman.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Mayor	Present	
Dave DeLind	Councilmember	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Superintendent Eudy
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Saarela

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented.**

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. PUBLIC HEARING: OAKLAND STREET ALLEY ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Bowman explained the need for a public hearing before the next steps

Move to enter a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering an Oakland Street Alley Assessment District **

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

Public hearing was opened at 7:06 pm. No public comment was heard.

Public hearing was closed at 7:07 pm.

5. PARKING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Presentation delayed until next meeting.

6. CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT BID FOR DRAKE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Superintendent Eudy presented the results of bids opened on June 2, 2021 for Drake Park Improvements. Both Eudy and Matt Parks of OHM answered Council questions on the project.

Move to award the Drake Park Improvement Project to Asphalt Specialist Incorporated (ASI) and allow the City Manager to execute the contract documents for an amount not to exceed \$468,900.00.**

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

7. CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT BID FOR WEST OAKLAND STREET RECONSTRUCTION AND WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

Eudy requested that the recommended bid for the West Oakland Street project be accepted.

Move to award the West Oakland Street Reconstruction & Water Main Replacement Project to VIL Construction and allow the City Manager to execute the contract documents not to exceed \$1,595,000.00.**

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	DeLind, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	DeLind, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman

8. CITY HALL HANDRAILS

Eudy summarized efforts to select and purchase handrails for the new external entries to City Hall. Due to the circumstances of COVID-19, the re-opening of City Hall, and supply chain delays, Administration requested permission to approve quotes without waiting until the next Council Meeting to request City Council's approval.

Move to approve allowing City Administrators to solicit and approve quotes for the City Hall handrails as determined by City Administration, and City Council.**

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	DeLind, Councilmember
AYES:	LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman, DeLind

9. SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION: BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION SHIAWASSEE PARK

Farmington Public Schools requested permission to host a back-to-school event at Shiawassee Park in August.

Move to approve Special Event Request to hold Farmington Public Schools' Back to School Celebration on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 in Shiawassee Park from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., with set up and tear down beginning at 8 a.m. and ending 3 p.m.**

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

10. REVIEW AND GRANTING OF POVERTY EXEMPTIONS BY THE CITY OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF REVIEW

Murphy presented revisions to the City's current policy relative to granting poverty exemptions as the State Tax Commission has issued a bulletin giving further interpretation and guidance on what should and should not be included in the resolution. Significant changes include the removal of the three-year residency requirement and the addition of an asset-based test. City Attorney Saarela fielded questions from Council.

Move adopt a policy relative to the review and granting of Poverty Exemptions by the City Of Farmington Board of Review.**

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

11. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

13. COUNCIL COMMENT

LaRussa thanked Bowman for allowing him to present the Mayor's Award for the 2021 Art on the Grand event.

Bowman commented on how much she enjoyed being part of the Art on the Grand set up Friday evening. She mentioned that the Syndicate was a hit over the weekend for people enjoying the art. She reminded listeners that the planning for the Founders Festival is ramping up. She also mentioned that the newest Farmington Public Safety Officer Michael Weir was sworn in today and she welcomed him to the City.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: June 21, 2021

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