



City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, April 15, 2024
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on April 15, 2024, at 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 7:04 PM by Mayor LaRussa.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Johnna Balk	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor	Present	
Kevin Parkins	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Absent	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

City Manager David Murphy
 City Clerk Meaghan Bachman
 Director of Public Safety Bob Houhanisin
 Chuck Eudy, DPW Superintendent
 City Attorney Tom Schultz

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Cassie Williams of the Emergency Preparedness Commission presented the safety tip of the month - work zone awareness.

4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- A. City of Farmington Minutes
- B. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- C. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- D. DPW Third Quarter Report
- E. Building Department Third Quarter Report
- F. Accept resignation of Linda Chiara from the Beautification Committee
- G. Special Event: Farmington Public Schools Back to School Celebration

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Parkins, Councilmember

5. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem Balk
SECONDER:	Parkins, Councilmember

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Swearing in of Public Safety Officer Brandon Campbell.

7. NEW BUSINESS 7A - 7D

7-A CROSS CONNECTION PROTECTION CONTRACT RENEWAL

This item was presented by Superintendent Chuck Eudy. City administration recommends that City Council renew a two-year agreement with HydroCorp Incorporated located in Troy, Michigan to conduct the City Water System’s cross connection inspection control program which is required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). The purpose of the cross-connection program is to prevent backflows into the water distribution system from users that utilize potentially dangerous substances that could represent a major public health problem if introduced in the water system.

Move to approve a two-year renewal of Cross Connection Program Contract with HydroCorp Incorporated in the amount 24 monthly payments of \$1,175.00 (\$28,200 total contract) and allow City Administration to execute the contract documents. Subject to any minor amendments to the final form of the City Manager’s office and the City Attorney’s office.

RESULT:	APPROVED – UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Parkins, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Balk, LaRussa, Parkins, Taylor

7-B EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR PAYMENT

This item was presented by Superintendent Chuck Eudy. On March 8, 2024, while conducting routine sanitary sewer cleaning, Public Works crews encountered a significant amount of sand in the sanitary sewer located near Farmington Glen Swim Club and James Court. Crews removed over one cubic yard of sand from the 23-footdeep sanitary

manhole. After removing the sand, crews proceeded to CCTV the sanitary sewer. A broken pipe was located on the south side of the sanitary manhole located at the rear of 33705 Jame Court, on the Farmington Glenn property. Public Works contacted a sewer lining contractor to install a stint liner to repair the failed pipe. The estimated cost to install the stint liner was \$7,700. On March 11, 2024, while the contractor was preparing to install the liner, the remaining segments of pipe failed, causing the total pipe to collapse. The contractor was able to establish positive drainage by using the sewer jet cleaning equipment to open the blockage. The total collapse of the pipe eliminated the potential for the sewer to be lined. DPW contacted D’Angelo Brothers to repair the sanitary sewer main.

Move to approve payment to D’Angelo Brothers Incorporated located in Farmington Hills, MI in the amount of \$92,291.51 for the emergency sanitary sewer repair at 33700 Freedom Road.

RESULT:	APPROVED – UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	LaRussa, Parkins, Taylor, Balk

7-C CASS AVENUE DECERTIFICATION

MDOT contacted the Department of Public Works Street Administrator in March of 2024 questioning if a 165-foot-long segment of Cass Avenue existed as it appears on the current MDOT Act 51 map. That segment of Cass Avenue (or an alleyway between Grand River Avenue and Oakland Avenue) was incorporated into Women’s Park in 1972, and a former City Council approved the alleyway to be vacated in 1962. The map was not previously reported to MDOT to coordinate the revised Act 51 map and corresponding road funding. MDOT requires the Act 51 street mileage certification to be completed by April 17, 2024 and has made the street deletion to the Act 51 map and local street mileage pending receiving the required decertification documentation. The decertification of this segment of Cass Avenue will result in a minor reduction of street funding from MDOT.

Move to approve the Cass Avenue decertification resolution and provide Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) the required documentation for the decertification.

RESULT:	APPROVED – UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Parkins, Taylor, Balk, LaRussa

7-D CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT OAKLAND COUNTY WEST NILE GRANT

Move to adopt resolution authorizing the City Administration to submit a reimbursement request to Oakland County in the amount of \$1,443.82 under the West Nile Fund program.

RESULT:	APPROVED – UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Parkins, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Taylor, Balk, LaRussa, Parkins

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public spoke.

CLOSED SESSION:

- A. Confidential Written Communications from City Attorney**
- B. Acquisition of Property**

Move to convene into closed session at 7:28 PM to discuss Confidential Written Communications from City Attorney and Acquisition of Property.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	LaRussa, Parkins, Taylor, Balk

Move to reconvene into the regular city council meeting at 8:36 PM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

VOTE ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM:

Move to instruct the City Manager and City Attorney to proceed as directed and to prepay the necessary documents per the closed session discussion.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: LaRussa Mayor
SECONDER: Taylor, Councilmember
AYES: LaRussa, Parkins, Taylor, Balk

10. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER: Taylor, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk

Approval Date: May 20, 2024