



City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 20, 2024
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on February 20, 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 7:16 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	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

City Manager David Murphy
Public Safety Director Bob Houhanisin
City Treasurer-Finance Director Chris Weber
Public Works Superintendent Chuck Eudy
Planning & Building Director Kevin Christiansen
City Clerk Meaghan Bachman
City Attorney Tom Schultz

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public spoke.

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Move to approve the consent agenda with the corrections to the minutes of January 16, 2024 and February 5, 2024 as discussed with the City Clerk.

- A. City Of Farmington Minutes
- B. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- C. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- D. Farmington Quarterly Investment Report
- E. Financial Report – Court
- F. Farmington Quarterly Financial Report
- G. Reappoint James McLaughlan to The Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors

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

5. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.

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

6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

6-A Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial – Debi Hollis

Debi Hollis of Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial presented council with the program “Michigan’s Historic WWII Trail” that would feature Farmington as a point of interest. The trail will tell a story of production, a local hero, event, contribution to science and industry or other effort. On November 3, 1944 the Japanese military began to launch more than 9,300 Fu-Go ballon bombs that were filled with hydrogen. About 280 ballons made it to Michigan. One hit at the home of John T. Cook near 8 Mile and Farmington Road. A proposal was made to purchase a memorial plaque showcasing the historic event. There was no action on this item at this meeting.

6-B Public Hearing: Brownfield Plan for Legion Square Planned Unit Development

Planning and Building Director Kevin Christiansen presented this agenda item. The Farmington Brownfield Redevelopment Authority adopted the Brownfield Plan for the American-Legion Groves-Wlaker Post 346 located at 31775 Grand River, Farmington MI 48335, to facilitate the clean0ip and redevelopment of the Brownfield. The property is considered an eligible property because it has been determined as functionally obsolete by a certified appraiser. The property will be redeveloped into Legion Square, a multiple-family residential luxury apartment community.

Move to open the Public Hearing at 7:42 PM.

The Public Hearing was opened, and members of the public were invited to speak. No members of the public spoke.

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

Move to close the Public Hearing at 7:42 PM.

The Public Hearing was closed.

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

7-A Consideration of Brownfield Plan for Legion Square Planned Unit Development

Move to adopt the resolution approving the provisions of a Brownfield Plan as recommended by the Farmington Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the Redevelopment of the American-Legion Groves-Walker Post 346, Legion Square Planned Unit Development Located at 31775 Grand River, Farmington, Michigan.

*Mayor LaRussa noted the resolution language will need to be updated to reflect the correct information.

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

7-B Construction Estimate No. 7 for the 2022 Road Rehabilitation Project

This item was presented by DPW Superintendent Eudy.

Move to approve payment to Best Asphalt Incorporated, payment application No. 7 in the amount of \$36,525.00 for the 2022 Road Rehabilitation Project.

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

7-C Purchase of computers for City Administration

This item was presented by Chris Weber, Director of Finance and Administration. Microsoft is phasing out windows 10 operating system and the current workstation computers are not capable of running Windows 11 and therefore in need of replacement. Farmington Hills IT received three quotes from vendors to replace 29 of the city computers.

Move to Approve the Purchase of 29 Computers from Dell for \$22,185.

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

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public spoke.

10. CITY COUNCIL COMMENT

Mayor LaRussa noted the Council had their pictures taken and it went very well and thanked all for participating. The Mayor also thanked the City Administration for submitting their updates for the State of the Cities Address.

Mayor Pro-Tem Balk thanked the Council for scheduling the presentation meeting with DTE Energy to work with the city meeting schedule.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk

Approval Date: March 18, 2024