



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, July 18, 2022
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on July 18, 2022 at 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 7:05 p.m. 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	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Director Christiansen
Superintendent Eudy
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz
Director Warthman

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. June 20, 2022 Regular
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- E. Department of Public Works Quarterly Report
- F. Building Department Quarterly Report
- G. Board and Commission Reappointments

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Balk, Councilmember

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.**

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Denise Goodman, 33030 Slocum, let Council know that she was unhappy with the GLWA fee in her water bill. She also complained about the parking lot lights next to TJ Maxx because the new installation was far too bright. She requested help with a shield or some way to mitigate the glare.

Matt Nathan, 33054 Slocum, also spoke about the TJ Maxx lights in his back yard. He was also concerned about Slocum Drive and cut-through traffic due to the recent closure of Farmington Road. He would like to see a plan to calm traffic, create different routes, and invest in roadways. He also complained of code violations such as the excessive lighting situation and about the code officer being unavailable.

6. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

No presentations or public hearings were heard.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Second Reading: proposed zoning ordinance text amendment - Online Retail Delivery Storage & Pickup Facilities

Director Christiansen reminded Council that this amendment was initially proposed by the Planning Commission in response to an application for on online retail storage and delivery facility use in the C2, Community Commercial and the C3, General Commercial Zoning District. No changes were made from the first reading of this ordinance and after a work session on the topic.

Move to approve Ordinance _ - ____ -2022 Amending Section 35-158, of the Zoning Ordinance, “Special Land Use Specific Requirements,” to Include “Online Retail Delivery Storage & Pickup Facility” C2, Community Commercial and the C3, General Commercial Zoning District as a Special Land Use, including specific Special Land Use requirements, and a proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment To Chapter 35, Article 21, Section 35-252, “Definitions,” to Include a Definition of “Online Retail Delivery Storage & Pickup Facility”.**

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

B. 9 Mile Water Booster Station VFD Replacement Project

Superintendent Eudy stated that Oakland County Water Resource Commission (OCWRC) recommends awarding the 9 Mile Booster Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) Replacement to ICS Integrated Services LLC. The current VFDs for the booster station are approximately 12 years old and are nearing the end of their life expectancy.

Move to approve the award of the 9 Mile Water Booster Station Pipe Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) replacement to ICS Integrated Services LLC in the amount of \$24,420.00 and allow Oakland County Water Resource Commission OCWRC execute the contract documents.**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Balk, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, Bowman

C. Consideration to approve cemetery fence repairs/replacement

Eudy reported that due to a July 2021 storm event, fencing at Oakwood Cemetery and Quaker Cemetery was damaged and needs repair and/or replacement. After going out for bid, Eudy recommends hiring Nicholls Fence & Railing to complete the necessary work.

Move to approve Fence Repairs/Replacement at Oakwood & Quaker Cemeteries to Nicholls Fence & Railing in the amount of \$13,965.00, 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:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, Bowman, LaRussa

D. Consideration to purchase SwapLoader build on 2024 Freightliner Chassis

Eudy requested funding to complete an upfit of a truck purchase that was approved in February 2022.

In response to a concern expressed by Schneemann about using the new plow where curbs and bump outs are, Eudy stated that there would definitely be crew training and that the new plow would be primarily used in straight line applications. LaRussa asked about the efficiency of the wing plow and found that it would plow up to a 17’ swath.

Move to approve purchase of SwapLoader build from Truck & Trailer Specialties Incorporated in the amount of \$226,420.**

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

E. Consideration to approve amendment No. 4 to the Water Services Contract between the City of Farmington and Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA)

Eudy asked Council to approve an amendment to the GLWA contract that would update the water services contract which was originally approved in 2009. In addition to a Max Day and Peak Hour reduction, it was agreed to reduce projected annual volume amount based on current usage and national trends.

Move to approve Amendment No. 4 to the existing water services contract with the GLWA and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.**

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

F. Consideration to approve janitorial services for City Hall, Public Safety, and Public Works

With the recent resignation of the custodian for City Hall and Public Services buildings it was necessary to subcontract the position. The collective bargaining unit has been advised of the intent to subcontract this position and has not objected. The subcontracting of janitorial services will be a cost savings for the City.

Move to approve awarding a one (1) year janitorial services contract to Stathakis Janitorial Services in 12 equal monthly payments of \$2,860.63 and allow City Administration to execute 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:	Schneemann, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk

G. Consideration to approve the Shiawassee Park Kids Zone Playscape fence replacement

The existing wood shadowbox design fence is deteriorated and becoming a hazard. Public Works contacted several fence contractors and only two supplied quotes for the Heavy Industrial Decorative Aluminum Fence. Eudy announced that a local Boy Scout has arranged to remove the existing fence as his Eagle Scout Project. The boards that are engraved with the names of the donors will be salvaged and organized for them to collect their engraved boards and any unclaimed boards will be recycled.

Bowman requested that a sign be placed at the playscape for the period between removal of the old fence and installation of the new one so that residents knew a better fence was coming. Eudy also pointed out that a grant had been acquired to pay for 50% of fence cost.

Move to approve the Shiawassee Park Kids Zone Playscape fence replacement to Anchor Fence in the amount of \$48,910.00 for the Heavy Industrial Decorative Aluminum Fence 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:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, Bowman

H. Oakland Street Reconstruction

The Change Order up for approval reconciles all materials and supplies up to the end of the fiscal year, and the Construction Estimate includes work done during this period.

Move to approve payment to V.I.L. Construction Incorporated for Construction Estimate No. 4 Change Order No. 1 & 2 in the amount of \$341,925.99 for the Oakland Street Reconstruction-Water Main Replacement Project.**

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

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Denise Goodman, 33030 Slocum, made further suggestions to assist with the problem with the parking lot lights she had commented on earlier.

9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENT

LaRussa wished a Happy Birthday to Balk and thanked Bowman and 360 Productions for executing a very successful Founders Festival this year.

Schneemann addressed issues brought forward at the public comment sections at this meeting. He said that Council had allocated additional funding for more Code Enforcement hours in this year's budget, and he also addressed water rate concerns. He asked City Administration to watch for any opportunity to join in to any other municipality's challenge to GLWA fees.

Taylor appreciated comments about Slocum Street being a cut-through, and she indicated that as a member of the Pathways Committee she could bring up this issue.

Balk thanked Council for the Oakland Street project and said that it was beautiful. She also appreciated being well informed about schedules and expectations as a resident during the project.

Bowman thanked the Department of Public Services for all of the assistance and support needed for a successful Founders Festival weekend. With road closures, event planners worked well with businesses and residents, pinnacle and highlight of celebration in Farmington and she was grateful that in her brief wrap up with DPW and Public Safety there were no significant incidents to report. Julie Law of 360 Productions will come to give a wrap up report at the upcoming August 15 meeting. As to other concerns about traffic issues brought up by Farmington Road closing, more signage has been planned and will be implemented soon. She also addressed public comments from earlier and said that Council will address those problems.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:03 p.m.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: August 15, 2022

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