



Regular City Council Meeting  
7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 7, 2021  
Council Chambers  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335

## FINAL

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on September 7, 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 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  
DDA Director Knight  
City Clerk Mullison  
City Manager Murphy  
City Attorney Schultz

#### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

### 4. DDA UPDATE: BOARD PRESIDENT TODD CRAFT

Downtown Development Board President Todd Craft answered questions posed by councilmembers and gave a brief summary of his activities with the DDA Board to date. Future downtown projects were addressed and discussed. The current makeup of the Board was reviewed, and upcoming training was mentioned. Craft suggested the DDA Board and Council have at least three combined meetings a year to discuss opportunities and plans. Bowman reminded Council that the DDA also engages the community in events that bring people to the downtown, allowing people to remember how visiting Downtown Farmington made them feel.

### 5. OAKLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH NETWORK PROCLAMATIONS

- a. National Recovery Month
- b. National Suicide Prevention Month

Mayor Bowman read the final clauses from each proclamation and commented on how important each of these recognitions were.

**Move to declare the month of September 2021 National Recovery Month and National Suicide Prevention Month.\*\***

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

### 6. SETTING OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR REVIEW OF THE PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Kate Knight, Executive Director of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority, reviewed the process to move forward the renewal process of the Principal Shopping District and requested approval to schedule a public hearing for Monday, October 18, 2021, for review of the Special Assessment Roll.

**Move to approve Resolution No. 4 to move forward the Principal Shopping District renewal process and schedule a public hearing for Monday, October 18, 2021, for review of the Special Assessment Roll.\*\***

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

**7. ADOPT RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN AGENT FOR THE STATE DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUND GRANT**

City Manager Murphy explained that the City has applied for State Disaster funds under section 19 of the Emergency Management Act, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended. This resolution naming an Agent who is authorized to act for and on behalf of the City for Disaster assistance is one of the requirements to qualify for the assistance.

Discussion followed on funds expected and costs accrued through storm cleanup. Reuse opportunities for debris were also considered.

**Move to appoint Chris Weber, Director of Finance and Administration/Treasurer, as the Agent who is authorized to act for and on behalf of the City for Disaster assistance related to the recent storms.\*\***

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

**8. LIBRARY BOARD REAPPOINTMENT: JAMES WHITE**

Schneemann recused himself from the vote because of a business agreement with the Library. LaRussa declared his support of White and noted that his leadership has been consistent and steady. Bowman cited White's leadership and institutional knowledge in her support of his reappointment.

**Move to reappoint James White to the Farmington Community Library Board of Directors to a 4-year term ending June 30, 2025.\*\***

<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>RECUSED:</b>	Schneemann

**9. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE DPW SALT DOME**

Superintendent Eudy requested approval of funding for emergency repairs to the salt dome at the Department of Public Works. Upon inspection, it was determined that the wooden structural members of the dome were in a deteriorated condition and would need to be repaired. The manufacturer of the dome, Northern Sierra, was contacted and noted that without repairs the structure might not be able to support snow loads this winter. Eudy also stated that Northern Sierra estimates that the structure has a five to ten-year further life expectancy before a total reconstruction would be required.

LaRussa asked about whether the louvered fan was planned and whether the future replacement of the salt dome needed to be added to the Capital Improvement plan. In response to a question from Bowman, Eudy reported that up to 1,600 tons of salt are maintained in the salt dome each year.

**Move to approve emergency repairs to the DPW salt dome by Northern Sierra Corporation and authorize City Administration to execute the contract subject to final review and approval by the City Attorney's Office.\*\***

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

## 10. OTHER BUSINESS

Murphy requested Council's consensus to allow Schneemann to develop a design for the walkway planned between Grand River and Shiawassee Park. A concept design would go to an engineer for the connection. After discussion Council agreed to allow Schneemann to provide this service.

Murphy also asked if Drake Park could be considered as a rental area open to reservations, especially since the Governor Warner Mansion will be under construction for much of next year and unavailable for events. He asked for Council's agreement to begin to amend the ordinance necessary to allow for Drake Park to be added to the list of areas available for reserved use. After discussion, Council agreed to future consideration of the topic.

Murphy proposed a joint meeting with DDA later this month. He also requested consideration for a meeting centered on utilities in October, and Schneemann suggested Councilmembers look at underground utilities at Oakland Street when ground is opened during repair.

Murphy mentioned the Governor Warner Mansion survey and research as provided by City engineers, noted that Interim Director Mary-Jeanne Shore had resigned as of the end of August, and reported that the Warnerettes will host the annual Holiday tea. The public will be able to look around the Mansion in conjunction with the OHM use survey, and a Cemetery Walk should go on as planned. He said that the property was in good hands but quiet right now. The use survey will be out at Harvest Moon time, and OHM is looking for good feedback from all residents, not just stakeholders.

## 11. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

## 12. COUNCIL COMMENT

LaRussa thanked Murphy and Bowman for participating in DTE meetings last month. He noted that the next chance for public input to DTE would be a Town Hall from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm on September 29<sup>th</sup> at Riley Park.

Bowman announced that next week is the Harvest Moon Festival and will be held on September 16-18. She also noted that DTE information was very important and spoke of the disastrous storms over a recent six-week period.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Schneemann, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor

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Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: September 20, 2021

**\*\***To view approved documents, please see the Agenda Packet link that is relevant to this meeting at <http://farmgov.com/City-Services/Government/Agendas-and-Minutes/City-Council.aspx> or contact the City Clerk.