 **City Council Meeting**

**7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

**23600 Liberty Street**

**Farmington, MI 48335**

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on January 21, 2025, at 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Mayor LaRussa.

**1. ROLL CALL**

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| **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

Assistant City Manager, Chris Weber

City Clerk, Meaghan Bachman

Public Safety Director, Bob Houhanisin

City Treasurer, Jaime Pohlman

DPW Superintendent, Chuck Eudy

Farmers Market Director, Walt Gajewski

OHM Client Representative, Austin Downie

City Attorney, Joellen Shortley

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

**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 Quarterly Report

E. Quarterly Investment Report

F. Quarterly Building Report

G. Optimist Week Proclamation

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Parkins

Resolved, move to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. Pathways Presentation – Tim Prince, Chair of the Pathways Committee presented Council with an annual update.

B. Farmers Market - Walt Gajewski, Market Manager presented Council with an annual update of the Farmers Market. The Market will be open from May 3rd through November 1, 2025. Mr. Gajewski asked Council to approve the 2025 dates, and the following motion was made:

Motion by Taylor

Seconded by Balk

Resolved, to approve the 2025 Farmers Market dates from May 3, 2025, through November 1, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

C. Holly Days – Annette Compo spoke of Holly Days and the partnership with the Farmers Market. It was noted the event application will be submitted soon for Council approval.

**7-A. TIME LIMITED PARKING ON FARMINGTON ROAD**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Taylor

The Parking Committee recommends to the Farmington City Council consider limit parking to 2 hours 7:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Resolved, motion to approve resolution amending Chapter 14 of Farmington City Traffic Control Order to add a new Section 14.7 to limit the number of hours of parking on Farmington Road from Grand River Avenue to Alta Loma Street.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Balk, LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**7-B.** **SALT STORAGE STRUCTURE**

Motion by Schneemann

Seconded by Taylor

This item was presented by Chuck Eudy, DPW Superintendent. Trunkline Maintenance agreement for Grand River Avenue with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) allows the community to take advantage of the limited time MDOT Chemical Storage Facility (CSF) program. 42% of our annual salt purchase is used for maintaining Grand River Avenue. The MDOT CSF program will fund up to 42% of the cost to demolish and reconstruct the salt storage building. Clear Heights Construction (CHC) is the Sourcewell prequalified cooperative purchasing vendor for our area. CHC has significant portfolio of buildings constructed in Michigan. Public Works has been reviewing three different sized buildings. We recommend approving the 48 foot x 60- foot building with 12 foot tall, poured concrete wall to replace the 61-foot diameter salt dome. City Administration recommends approving the purchase and construction of the 48 x 60-foot salt storage building to be constructed per the included plans by Clear Heights Construction LLC located in Grandville, Mich. in the amount of $535,187.00 with a 15% contingency of $80,268, totaling $615,455 subject to any minor amendments to the final form of the City Manager’s office

and the City Attorney’s office.

Resolved, move to approve contract with Clear Heights Construction to construct replacement salt storage structure to be located at the DPW Building, 33720 West Nine Mile Road not to exceed $615,455 and allow City Manager to execute contact documents. Subject to any minor amendments to the final form by the City Manager’s office and the City Attorney’s office.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**7-C.** **DPW SALT DOME ELECTRICAL SERVICE**

Motion by Schneemann

Seconded by Balk

Resolved, move to approve payment to Michigan Electrical Service LLC in the amount of $12,198.88 to install new electrical for the DPW salt dome.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, LaRussa

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**7-D.** **EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER LINING**

Motion by Parkins

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to approve Emergency Sanitary Sewer Lining Payment No. 4 in the revised amount of $169,272 to Pipeline Management for work completed during the months of October and November 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, LaRussa, Parkins

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**7-E.** **EMERGENCY SEWER REPAIR**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Parkins

Resolved, move to approve payment to D’Angelo Brothers Incorporated in the amount of $57,120.87 to conduct emergency sanitary sewer repair near 21790 Farmington Road due to Hydrogen Sulfide Gas (H2S) deterioration.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Taylor, Balk, LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**7-F.** **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY TO RECEIVE A $200,000GRANT FOR THE NFC (NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN) FITNESS COURT.**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Parkins

The National Fitness Campaign (NFC) is a private entity that works with public bodies to install outdoor “Fitness Courts” in local parks or other public areas to provide places for “free “outdoor exercise. There is a Michigan-based program that is built around the provision of grant funding through local counties and the Michigan health insurance provider Priority Health. On August 19, 2024, the City Council approved a resolution stating that the City would like to collaborate with NFC on a project in the City. On behalf of the City, Mayor LaRussa and City staff/consultants put together a proposal for two separate Fitness Courts in the City—a larger one at Shiawassee Park and a smaller one at Flanders Park. The total project cost per NFC’s funding estimate is $472,500. Currently there are promises of grants of:

* $90,000 from Priority Health
* $200,000 from Oakland County Parks (this proposed Agreement)

The city could have a possible cost of $182,500, unless offset by grants from others.

Resolved, move to approve the agreement with Oakland County for a $200,000 grant to be used

for the NFC Fitness Courts and authorize Mayor to sign on the City’s behalf. Input will be included by the Master Plan Committee regarding location and other ideas.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Balk, LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**8. Public Comment**

No public comment was heard.

**9. Council Comment**

Mayor Pro-Tem Balk announced, with the assistance of the Farmington Area Arts Commission (FAAC), the City of Farmington is seeking submissions for its rotating art program located within City Hall. She encouraged all to share this opportunity.

Mayor LaRussa distributed a draft agenda to Council for the upcoming Joint Meeting with Farmington Hills Council and Farmington School District.

**12. Adjournment**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

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Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk