



Special Council Meeting  
6:00 pm, Wednesday, April 6, 2022  
Council Chambers  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335

## FINAL

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### SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND DDA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council and Downtown Development Authority Board was held on April 6, 2022 in Farmington City Hall, Farmington, MI. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Sara 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	

#### DDA Board Members Present

Tom Buck  
Todd Craft  
Linda Deskins  
Thomas Pascaris (arrived 6:17 pm)  
Claire Perko  
Donovan Singleton (arrived 6:21 pm)  
Miguel Williams (arrived 6:03 pm)

#### DDA Board Members Absent

Chris Halas

#### Others Present

Superintendent Eudy  
DDA Executive Director Knight  
City Clerk Mullison  
City Manager Murphy  
City Attorney Saarela  
Director Weber

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the 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. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE FARMINGTON ROAD STREETScape PROJECT

Bowman introduced the results of bids received for the Farmington Road Streetscape. City Manager Murphy introduced Matt Parks of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment (OHM) to summarize the bids received through MDOT. Parks read out the project bids and added information about expected overages and targets. He stated that, of the two bids that met MDOT requirements, the lowest bidder was Warren Contractors & Development. He indicated that he was pleased with only a 16.9% increase over the engineer's estimate since other projects are seeing 40-50% increases because of supply chain problems and increased materials costs. He recommended that the bid should be approved, as it seemed balanced and well within the expected scope. Murphy read through the costs to clarify what was to be approved.

Questions and discussion about who all of the companies involved are, what they do, and how they contribute to the project followed. It was decided that effective communication is needed between engineers, Council, and DDA to be sure all are informed of changes and progress.

Next steps include contacting the bid winner, public informational meetings, and setting the starting timeline.

**Move to approve the OHM Proposal dated April 6, 2022 not to exceed \$439,000 for their portion of the Farmington Road Streetscape project.**

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

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<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Craft, DDA President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Deskings, DDA Boardmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Buck, Craft, Deskings, Pascaris, Perko, Singleton, Williams
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Halas

## 5. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

## 7. BOARD & COUNCIL COMMENT

Buck congratulated all for bringing this project across the finish line. He said that it was important to keep the vision in mind for success.

Schneemann echoed Buck's comments and said that this was a long time coming. He suggested making a big deal with a ground breaking ceremony.

Bowman said that it was huge getting two large city taxing bodies together to pool resources and energies and funds. She asked for the messaging to be united and on point and consistent, and noted that this was more important now than ever.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Craft, DDA President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Schneemann, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor

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Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: April 18, 2022

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