



City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, November 18, 2024
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on November 18, 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 6:00 PM by Mayor LaRussa.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Johnna Balk	Mayor Pro-Tem	Excused	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor	Present	
Kevin Parkins	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Excused	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present:

City Manager, David Murphy
Assistant City Manager, Chris Weber
City Clerk, Meaghan Bachman
DPW Superintendent, Chuck Eudy
City Treasurer, Jaime Pohlman

2. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED - UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Parkins, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public spoke.

4. Women’s Park Phase II

Move to approve the phase II proposed improvements to Women’s Park as presented by Wilson–Swykert Lawn–Landscape for an amount not to exceed \$31,200.

The design of Women’s Park was presented by Bill Wilson. Mayor LaRussa discussed the design with Mr. Wilson. It was asked if the design is consistent with the downtown landscaping and streetscape. It was noted that it will blend well. Councilmember Taylor asked about the benches that are currently placed at the park. It was suggested by Mr. Wilson that the seat wall face towards the east and the benches could be placed where desired. Councilmember Taylor further asked why more hardscape is being placed with the amount already present. Mr. Wilson noted brick is being placed and not necessarily concrete so the brick will soften it up, along with foliage. The Mayor asked what other assets will be purchased to place in the park besides the benches. It was noted it will be passive green space and no additional assets will be placed at the park.

RESULT:	APPROVED - UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Parkins, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	LaRussa, Parkins, Taylor

5. CIA/Council Joint Meeting Review

Assistant City Manager Chris Weber noted a joint meeting held with the CIA and the City Council. There was discussion about what the CIA should do with funding. One thing they discussed is be prepared for a big project or start implementing items from the list presented by Council. Mayor LaRussa asked what items are on the CIA’s list and it was noted items such as, transportation study, nature trail assessment, streetscape assessment was suggested. Further discussion took place, and it was decided to suggest the following projects: transportation study and streetscape.

6. Board and Commission Interviews

City Council interviewed two candidates for Boards and Commissions:

- 6:30 p.m. Kelsey Russom
- 6:45 p.m. Carly Davis

Move to appoint Kelsey Russom to the Commission on Community Health and Carly Davis to the Beautification Commission.

RESULT:	APPROVED - UNANIMOUS
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Parkins, Councilmember

7. OTHER BUSINESS

DPW Superintendent Eudy, spoke of the salt dome and that an agenda item would be placed on the regular meeting agenda at 7:00 PM.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public spoke.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

No members of the Council spoke.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Parkins, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk