



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, April 4, 2022
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on April 4, 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 7:00 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	Absent	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz (arr. 7:08 pm)

2. 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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS**A. Beautification Committee**

Lynn Mullins was interviewed and will be considered, along with two candidates interviewed at an earlier meeting, for a single opening on the Farmington Beautification Committee.

B. Emergency Preparedness Committee

Council interviewed Susan Kramer for a vacancy as an alternate on the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Move to appoint Susan Kramer as an alternate to the Emergency Preparedness Committee for a term ending February 1, 2025.**

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

5. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE: ELECTION PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES

City Clerk Mullison requested approval for a first reading of a Special Ordinance that will consolidate the City's six precincts into five, changing some boundaries to accommodate the number of registered voters in each new precinct. She stated that there will be additional efficiency and savings if the election precincts are consolidated, requiring fewer polling places, election workers, and election equipment. A second reading is planned for the next Council meeting.

Move to approve First Reading of Special Ordinance to Consolidate Election Precincts and revise the precincts previously established in Special Ordinance C-628-96 pursuant to State law and City Charter. **

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

6. CONTRACT WITH MDOT FOR FARMINGTON ROAD STREETScape

City Manager Murphy requested approval for MDOT's standard form for a Cost Participation Agreement for a federally funded project, which has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office. It provides for the estimated project costs and identifies the City's share and the expected share of federal grant funding to be provided. The amounts may change depending on the final contract bids submitted, and the final project costs incurred. He noted that the contract must be executed to move forward with the project and the federal grant funding.

Move to approve the MDOT Contract for Cost Participation for Grant Funding for a total estimated project cost of \$2,875,800 with \$1,047,352 provided by federal grant funding and the estimated amount of \$1,828,448 to be paid by the City and the DDA.**

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

7. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE EXTENSION OF THE IT AGREEMENT WITH FARMINGTON HILLS

Murphy requested continuation of the City's agreement with Farmington Hills for Information Technology services. The current agreement expired at the end of March 2022. The new agreement includes a first short term of April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 and then five years starting July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 in order to align with both cities fiscal years. In addition, the agreement allows for additional yearly extensions at the rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 3% whichever is less.

Move to approve the proposed agreement with Farmington Hills for Farmington Hills to provide Information Technology Support to the City of Farmington from April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 for the fees listed in the agreement with possible additional extensions at the rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 3% whichever is less, and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the attached Interlocal agreement.**

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

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Murphy requested a joint meeting with the Downtown Development Authority Board to discuss bids received for the Farmington Road Streetscape. It was decided to meet with the DDA at 6:00 pm before the Special meeting on April 6, 2022.

Murphy also mentioned that the recent carpet installation uncovered the necessity of making some wiring improvements which would also help with the upcoming phone changeover.

City Attorney Schultz gave an overview of recent meetings on the Maxfield Training Center project and the timeline for the next steps in the process.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

10. COUNCIL COMMENT

LaRussa spoke about his attendance at the recent SEMCOG General Assembly and promised to bring more information to the next Council meeting.

Balk thanked Superintendent Eudy for evidence of work to be finished on last year's Oakland Street project. She said that people are getting excited about getting the project wrapped up.

Bowman said she was excited to see a lot of projects start and encouraged Council to communicate positive information. She noted that it was more important than ever to put the message out that projects need to be staged and that there are a lot of moving parts to each one. She acknowledged the frustration residents can feel from the short-term inconveniences, but all of these things have to happen before we get great outcomes. She lauded Assistant to the City Manager Melissa Andrade for her work in keeping the public informed about these projects, and Bowman observed that residents can go to the City website to see any announcements about on-going projects.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: April 18, 2022

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