



Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, May 16, 2022
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on May 16, 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 7:02 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	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Director Christiansen
Superintendent Eudy
Deputy City Clerk Hilton
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz
Director Warthman
Director Weber

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. **APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Accept City of Farmington Board and Commission Minutes
 - B. City of Farmington Minutes
 - C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
 - D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
 - E. Third Quarter Building Report
 - F. Proclamation: National Gun Violence Awareness Day, Friday June 3, 2022
 - G. Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority Vision Plan Update 2022

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Balk, Councilmember

4. **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

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kim Thompson-Everett, 23210 Lilac Street, came forward and expressed concerns regarding lack of code enforcement in the city. She mentioned rental home maintenance and requested an ordinance, better upkeep for a dumpster at a gas station at Grand River and Orchard Lake roads, and a 15-year unoccupied home in her neighborhood. Ms. Thompson-Everett also expressed displeasure over the sidewalk replacement program in Floral Park.

6. **PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. **47th District Court Annual Report**

Judge Marla Parker and Deputy Court Administrator Matt Friedrich presented the 47th District Court's Annual Report.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Consideration to certify 2022 delinquent false alarm fees, water and sewer bills, and invoices**

Director Weber requested approval to certify 2022 delinquent false alarm fees, water and sewer bills, and invoices to be placed on the Farmington Tax Roll pursuant to City Code. Weber explained that the \$150,936.83 is less than it has been in the past, most likely due to residents finding ways to pay their bills.

Schneemann asked if there were grace periods and if they had any impact on the numbers, to which Weber said no. There were grace periods during the height of the pandemic, but that would have no impact on the 2022 numbers.

Move to approve the attached lists of delinquent false alarm fees, water and sewer bills, and invoices for placement on the Farmington Tax Roll pursuant to City Code.

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

B. Park Restroom Improvements

Superintendent Eudy asked Council to approve Payment Application Number 3 for the Shiawassee & Drake Park Restroom Improvement to Summit Company. Eudy stated that Number 4 was nearly done. He noted that there was still about \$32,000- \$35,000 retainage left on the project.

Move to approve Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of \$37,061.21 for the Shiawassee & Drake Park Restroom Improvement to Summit Company.

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

C. Consideration to approve Public Hearing Notice for Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget and Property Tax Rates and schedule public hearing

City Manager Murphy asked Council to schedule a public hearing on Monday, June 20 at 7:00 pm regarding budget and property tax rates.

Move to hold public hearing on Monday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget and property tax rates.

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

D. Introduction of proposed zoning ordinance text amendment: Online Retail Delivery Storage & Pickup Facilities

Director Christiansen introduced a first reading of a zoning ordinance text amendment of Online Retail Delivery Storage & Pickup Facilities

LaRussa asked if the land use was permitted under any other zoning designation. Christiansen said it was currently permitted in industrial use but not retail. Schneemann asked Christiansen to share what the Planning Commission discussed in regard to other communities, and Christiansen explained that other communities handle this use within their commercial districts as a permitted use and some are doing what the City is doing to define the use.

Taylor asked what this would potentially look like, and Christiansen shared that there was a proposal for a DashMart by DoorDash that would not have front-door customer traffic. The appearance perspective would not look different, but the business side would be facilitated differently. Schneemann expressed some concern about unintended consequences of moving forward and asked about recourse for undoing the text amendment. Bowman opened the floor to Warthman for questions about the expected number of delivery vehicles. Christiansen mentioned that there would be a site plan review process that cannot show a negative impact on the potential use areas. Council agreed to move forward with the first reading and save further discussion for a later study session.

Move to approve Introduction of Ordinance __ -__ -2022 Amending Section 35-158, of the Zoning Ordinance, "Special Land Use Specific Requirements," to Include "Online Retail Delivery Storage & Pickup Facility" C2, Community Commercial and the C3, General Commercial Zoning District as a Special Land Use, including specific Special Land Use requirements, and a proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment To Chapter 35, Article 21, Section 35-252, "Definitions," to Include a Definition of "Online Retail Delivery Storage & Pickup Facility"

RESULT:	APPROVED [4-1]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
AYES:	Taylor, Balk, Bowman, LaRussa
NAYS:	Schneemann

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Schneemann thanked Kim Thompson-Everett who spoke during the first public comment for bringing items to attention on code enforcement and would like City staff to reach out to her to let her know that the City is working on code enforcement and that Council is working on putting budget money towards additional enforcement.

Balk appreciated Kim’s list and wished for a chance to explain the Streetscape process and tree removal.

10. CLOSED SESSION – LAND ACQUISITION

Move to enter closed session for purposes of a strategy and negotiation session for property acquisition.

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

Mayor Bowman called for a recess at 8:18 p.m.
Council entered closed session at 8:25 p.m.

Move to exit closed session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Balk, Councilmember

Council exited closed session at 8:43 p.m.

Move to proceed with the purchase agreement as discussed in closed session.

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

17. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Balk, Councilmember

Meeting adjourned 8:44 p.m.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Halley Hilton, Deputy City Clerk

Approval Date: Monday, June 20, 2022

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