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**7:00 p.m., April 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 April 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 7:11 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

City Treasurer, Jaime Pohlman

DPW Superintendent, Chuck Eudy

City Attorney, Beth Saarela

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Gill Elementary Junior Optimist**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public spoke.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Parkins

Resolved, move to approve the consent agenda as presented:

A. City of Farmington Minutes

B. Farmington Monthly Payments Report

C. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report

D. DPW Quarterly Report

E. Building Department Quarterly Report

F. Quarterly Investment Report

G. Historical Commission Reappointments

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**5. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR AGENDA**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Parkins

Resolved, move to approve the regular agenda with the amendment to add a Closed Session for discussion of property acquisition.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**a. Farmington Area FiberCity update: SiFi Networks and AUI**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Special Event Applications**

**Praise in the Park**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Parkins

Resolved, move to approve the Praise in the Park event application for Shiawassee

Park on Sunday, July 27, 2025 from 5 – 8 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**Pride in the Park**

Motion by Taylor

Seconded by Balk

Resolved, move to approve the Pride in the Park event application for Shiawassee

Park on June 29, 2025 from 2 – 5 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

1. **Purchase replacement sewer camera and PACP software**

Motion by Taylor

Seconded by Balk

Resolved, move to approve purchase of Rapid View Sewer Camera Inspection System from Brown Equipment Company in the amount of $110,143.32

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Balk, LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

1. **Nine Mile Retention Environmental Quality Basin**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to approve payment to Oakland County Water Resource Commission in the amount of $29,622.24 for the 9 Mile Retention Environmental Quality Basin Underdrain Control Panel Replacement.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

1. **National Fitness Campaign Concrete Pads**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to award the concrete pad installation for the National Fitness Campaign exercise area to Luigi Ferdinandi & Son Cement Company, in the amount of $59,699.09 with approximately 10% ($6,000) contingency totaling $65,699.09.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, LaRussa, Parkins

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

1. **Resolution to accept Oakland County West Nile Grant**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to adopt resolution authorizing the City Administration to submit a reimbursement request to Oakland County in the amount of $1,443.82 under the West Nile Fund program.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, LaRussa, Parkins

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

1. **Second Reading and Adoption: Ordinance to amend the City of Farmington City code of Ordinances, related to banquet and event centers, outdoor tables and chairs for carryout service, weather-resistant enclosed outdoor seating areas, and outdoor seating restricted by season.**

Motion by Parkins

Seconded by Balk

Resolved, move to approve ordinance to amend the City of Farmington City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 35, Article 7, Section 35-102 and 35-158, related to banquet and event centers, outdoor tables and chairs for carryout service, weather-resistant enclosed outdoor seating areas, and outdoor seating restricted by season, with the discussed amendments.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, LaRussa

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Dale Milford, representative of Pride in the Park spoke about the event.

**9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Schneemann thanked the residents that voiced concern regarding the Fiber Optic installation.

Councilmember Balk thanked the residents that voiced concern regarding the Fiber Optic installation and a peaceful discourse.

Mayor LaRussa thanked the public for their patience with the Fiber Optic installation. He also thanked the Junior Optimists for leading the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed other civic groups to participate.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Taylor

Seconded by Balk

Resolved, move to convene into closed session for the purpose of property acquisition discussion at 8:35 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Schneemann, Taylor, Balk, LaRussa, Parkins

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**RECONVENE INTO REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Schneemann

Resolved, move to convene into closed session for the purpose of property acquisition discussion at 8:35 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**VOTE ON MOTION**

Motion by Schneemann

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, to direct the City Manager to enter into agreement for Thomas and School Street

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

**10. Adjournment**

Motion by Schneemann

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

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Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk