



Special Council Meeting
6:30 pm, Thursday, September 30, 2021
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

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 September 30, 2021 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 6:31 p.m. by DDA Board President Todd Craft.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Mayor	Present	
David DeLind	Councilmember	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

DDA Board Members Present

Todd Craft
Linda Deskins
Claire Perko
Donovan Singleton
Miguel Williams

DDA Board Members Absent

Tom Buck
Chris Halas
Thomas Pascaris

Others Present

DDA Executive Director Knight
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Saarela
City Engineer Hilz
City Engineer Downie

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Craft, DDA Board President
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem

3. DISCUSS FARMINGTON ROAD STREETScape

Executive Director of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority Knight introduced Austin Downie of OHM, who provided an update to the Council and DDA Board on potential construction plans. City Attorney Saarela presented standings and issues encountered for the few easement agreements remaining. Questions arose about MDOT deadlines, options available, edits and additions to previous plans. The MDOT TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) schedule was reviewed, with an estimated 2022 construction schedule. Additional costs were reviewed, and modifications were noted.

Next steps were discussed, including talks with RCOC, options for pocket park planning, unknowns in the scope of the project, and typical issues to be expected during construction.

Move to authorize city administration and attorney to fund final work by vendors and proceed with legal processing of easement holders as necessary and authorize payment of \$17,300.00 to Chase Bank for acquisition of temporary easement

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Singleton, DDA Boardmember
SECONDER:	Deskens, DDA Boardmember
AYES:	Craft, Deskens, Perko, Singleton, Williams, Bowman
ABSENT:	Buck, Halas, Pascaris

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

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Knight invited all to the opening of the Grand Raven Festival on October 1, 2021 and noted the many events that will be available for the public to enjoy throughout the month.

City Engineer John Hilz thanked both Council and DDA Board for the opportunity for OHM to continue to work with both groups for the development of downtown and to be a part of the community. He noted that the City and OHM have had a relationship since 1962.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

6. BOARD & COUNCIL COMMENT

Schneemann said that he had been working on this project longer than anyone else in the room, and that it feels like the Streetscape is almost there. He was grateful for both DDA and Council support.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: October 18, 2021

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