 **City Council Meeting**

**7:00 p.m., Monday, March 17, 2025**

**23600 Liberty Street**

**Farmington, MI 48335**

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on March 17, 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 7:02 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 | Excused |  |
| Maria Taylor | Councilmember | Present |  |

**City Administration Present:**

City Manager, David Murphy

City Clerk, Meaghan Bachman

DPW Superintendent, Chuck Eudy

City Attorney, Beth Saarela

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. 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. Appoint Dr. Igwe to a seat on the Emergency Preparedness Committee

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion by Parkins

Seconded by Balk

Resolved, move to approve the regular agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Angie Smith, member of the Farmington School Board noted that March is designated as National Reading Month and presented the Mayor, Councilmembers and City Manager with a children’s book.

**6. OLD BUSINESS - Special Event Application: Founders Festival**

Motion by Taylor

Seconded by Balk

Mayor Pro-Tem Balk presented Council with a festival update:

* The Warner Mansion Kickoff Party will take place on the Wednesday prior to the festival.
* South Farmington baseball fast pitch fundraiser is confirmed. They will have a pitching radar and batting cage setup within the kid’s zone.
* Cornhole tournament has been added to Saturday events. This will be taking place inside the beer tent area, during bingo.

Mayor Pro-Tem Balk noted the communication between herself, and Events 360 has been great. Mayor LaRussa noted there was a statement in the application about communications will be sent to local businesses within the central business district. From his understanding, he heard either Julie or Jenna say was that they expected Kate to take care of the communications. He would like the applicant to be responsible for that or the city could assist in certain aspects. The Mayor would like to make sure the businesses are being notified properly, especially with road closures.

Resolved, move to approve the Founders Festival Special Event Application and Resolution for the 2025 Farmington Founders Festival to be held in downtown Farmington July 17 – 1, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: LaRussa, Parkins, Taylor, Balk

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

**7. NEW BUSINESS - Decertification from Act 51 Major Street to certification as Local Streets for Grove Street, Thomas Street, Oakland Avenue, and Warner Street**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to approve:

1. Decertification resolution for segments of Grove Street, Thomas Street, Oakland Avenue, and Warner Street as a major street; and,
2. Approve certifying those streets as local streets; and,
3. Provide Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) the required documentation for the decertification/recertification.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Parkins, Taylor, Balk, LaRussa

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

**8. PUBLIC**

No members of the public spoke.

**9. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor LaRussa welcomed back City Manager David Murphy. He further noted Assistant City Manager Chris Weber did a great job in David’s absence.

**10. Adjournment**

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

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Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk