



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

FINAL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on March 7, 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
Director Weber

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

Sara Davies, 23120 Violet Street, thanked DPW Superintendent Eudy for visibility vests provided to the Beautification Committee and announced upcoming activities for her group.

4. SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION: SOUTH FARMINGTON BASEBALL PARADE

The South Farmington Baseball League requested authorization to hold its annual parade on May 7, 2022 at 9 am. Farmington Public Safety will have three officers assist with this parade on overtime. As a general concern for all Special Event applications going forward, LaRussa asked administration to be sure that all items on applications be completely filled out.

Move to authorize the event permit for the South Farmington Baseball Parade, Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 9 am until 2 pm and have staff finalize the application with all of the information filled in.**

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

5. SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION: OPTIMIST CHILDHOOD, HEALTH AND WELLNESS WALK

Pamela Batcho, representative of the Optimist Club, requested approval for a walk scheduled for May 21, 2022. The Club is planning to stage/register for the walk in the parking lot behind Page's. Batcho explained the planned procedure for the event and described what it would fund the childhood health and wellness programs of the Optimist Club.

Move to approve the Farmington Hills Optimist Club special event application for a Childhood Health and Wellness Walk on Saturday, May 21, 2022 through City of Farmington neighborhoods as proposed in the submitted map.**

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

6. SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION: THE GREAT FARMINGTON CLEANUP

Sarah Davies of Keep Farmington Beautiful requested permission to assemble volunteers who will go throughout the whole City of Farmington picking up trash left over from the winter months. In 2021, this event had more than 218 people participate.

Move to approve the Special Event Application for the Great Farmington Cleanup to utilize Riley Park and the Sundquist Pavilion on Saturday April 30, 2022 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.**

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

7. SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION: MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Council was asked to approve a parade which traditionally travels down Grand River Avenue from the American Legion Hall to Memorial Park and will be hosted by the Groves Walker American Legion Post 346 and the Xemplar Club.

Move to approve the Special Event Application for the 2022 Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30 from 10 until 11:15 a.m. with an open house to follow at the Legion parking lot until 6 p.m. **

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

8. COST PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH RCOC ON THE FARMINGTON ROAD STREETScape

City Manager Murphy explained that the RCOC (Road Commission of Oakland County) has agreed to participate in the cost of the road work portion of the Farmington Road Streetscape project, agreeing to provide \$150,000 toward the actual road rehabilitation and allow the City to use its Tri-Party money for the project and to advance the 2023 and 2024 Tri-Party money for use on the project. The agreement is the County’s standard form and has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s office.

Move to approve the Cost Participation Agreement with RCOC (the Road Commission of Oakland County) as proposed in the amount of \$1,200,000.**

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

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Murphy asked to go ahead with joining Farmington Hills in their use of Telnet, as the City's current provider, TDS, will stop existing in May. He reminded Council of the failure of the current phone system last year, and stated that City Hall should not have to go through the cost and disruption of that again. He said that the City could probably go through AT&T on a monthly basis until Telnet could be utilized, as cables will have to be replaced. He requested permission to look into going directly with Telnet for new phone service for City Hall and noted that Farmington Hills had already put the services out to bid, chosen Telnet, and that Farmington Hills IT Department would also be able to help service the system. Council directed Murphy to go ahead with his inquiries.

Murphy also asked Council to consider what they would like to see as a replacement for City issued iPads that are past their life expectancy and beginning to fail. He mentioned Surface Pros, laptops, or other tablets. He requested that councilmembers contact him with their preferences soon.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard

After brief discussion, a motion was made to change the order of the next two items.

Move to amend the agenda to swap Items 11 and 12.

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

11. COUNCIL COMMENT

Balk reported on prospective Arts Commission display selections for City Hall.

Bowman thanked Council for their response with Boards and Commissions updates. She laid out the new process for committee updates in upcoming months, including appointments needed. She also said she was looking forward to the State of the Cities event on March 10, 2022 at The Hawk.

12. ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Move to enter closed session to consider the acquisition of property.

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

Council entered closed session at 7:33 pm.

Bowman called a brief recess until 7:38 pm.

Move to exit closed session.

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

Council exited closed session at 7:52 p.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:53 p.m.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: March 21, 2022

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