



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

## FINAL

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on February 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 Saarela

#### 2. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the regular agenda as presented.\*\*

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

**4. BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEW: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMISSION**

Jelani Nelson was interviewed for a vacancy on the Emergency Preparedness Commission. It is a three-year term that will end on February 1, 2025.

**Move to appoint Jelani Nelson to the Emergency Preparedness Commission for a three-year term ending on February 1, 2025.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Balk, Councilmember

**5. ADOPT OPTIMIST DAY PROCLAMATION**

Bowman read the proposed proclamation. Roxanne Fitzpatrick of the local Optimist Club brought two Junior Optimists, Jack Lukas and Reece Rhinehart, to assist her in requesting that Farmington declare the first Thursday of every February Optimist Day.

**Move to make the first Thursday of every February Optimist Day\*\***

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

**6. PATHWAYS COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS**

Bowman requested that present members of the Pathways Committee be reappointed for new terms.

**Move to reappoint Brent Bartman, Bill Gesaman, and Joseph VanDerZaden to the Farmington Pathways Committees with terms ending on December 31, 2024.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Balk, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember

## 7. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REAPPOINTMENTS

Bowman also requested that two members of the DDA Board be reappointed to serve another term. LaRussa asked that term limits and length of term when appointed mid-term be reviewed.

**Move to reappoint Donovan Singleton and Tom Pascaris to the Farmington Downtown Development Authority for terms ending 2/28/2026.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember

## 8. APPOINTMENTS TO THE FARMINGTON HILLS INNOVATION, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Late last year, the City of Farmington Hills established the Innovation, Energy and Environmental Sustainability Committee. This is a joint committee that consists of 11 members, two of which shall be Farmington residents. The focus of the committee is to enhance, advance and develop innovation, energy and environmental sustainability programs within the communities and the committee “shall expire two years from the date of adoption”.

**Move to appoint Farmington residents David Richardson and Nick Rudofski to the Farmington Hills Innovation, Energy and Environmental Sustainability Committee.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Balk, Councilmember

## 9. ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2022 FOUNDER’S FESTIVAL

Bowman requested adoption of a resolution to allow 360 Event Productions to apply for needed road closings and temporary liquor licenses. Julie Law of 360 Productions summarized tentative plans and was available for Council questions.

Discussion about possible conflict in timing with the Farmington Road Streetscape project, adding local business participation in parade, whether fees would be waived for city venues, and what activities for teens could be added. In response to a question by Taylor, Law said that there was a lot of feedback from last year and many changes were made because of it. Taylor also requested more publicity, though Bowman listed the many media interviews she was part of for last year’s event.

**Move to adopt resolution approving the 2022 Founders Festival which includes approving event locations, authorizing road closures and applications for temporary liquor licenses. \*\***

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

#### 10. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

#### 11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Kramer, 24105 Twin Valley Court, said that at the 2019 Founders Festival a few vendors had overnight trailers at Shiawassee Park.

#### 12. COUNCIL COMMENT

Bowman pointed out cookies from Our Lady of Sorrows in honor of National Catholic Schools Week and read a note that expressed appreciation for all City Council has done for them.

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Balk, Councilmember

Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor

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Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: February 22, 2022

\*\*To view approved documents, please see the Agenda Packet link that is relevant to this meeting at <http://farmgov.com/City-Services/Government/Agendas-and-Minutes/City-Council.aspx> or contact the City Clerk.