



**Regular City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, March 21, 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 21, 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	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Superintendent Eudy
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz
Director Warthman

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Accept City of Farmington Board and Commission Minutes
- B. City of Farmington Minutes
 - a. February 22, 2022 Regular
 - b. March 7, 2022 Regular
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- D. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- E. Board and Commission Reappointments
- F. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Appointment
- G. Information: City of Farmington 2021 Small eCities Program Recognition

Move to approve the consent agenda as presented.**

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

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to amend the regular agenda, removing Lynne Mullins from the schedule of interviewees for Item 6A.**

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Davies, 23120 Violet, spoke about the Beautification Committee candidates.

Jeannie Bay, 24196 Twin Valley Court, said that pedestrian crosswalks do not work. She requested that Council fix markings, get new signs, post officers to issue tickets, and fix the problem.

Colleen Coogan, 33821 Glenview Drive, applauded the Department of Public Works for their excellent storm response last year.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Beautification Committee Interviews

Council interviewed Colleen Coogan and Christina Clark to fill one vacancy on the Beautification Committee Board. This is a new Board position and would expire on June 30, 2025. There will be one more candidate to interview and an appointment will be made at a future meeting.

B. Consideration of State Trunkline Performance Resolution allowing Annual and Individual Permitting Applications

The City’s contract to provide surface maintenance and winter maintenance for Grand River Avenue from the east intersection of M-5 and Grand River to Gill Road and Grand River, and winter maintenance only from Gill Road west to Halstead Road requires that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) reimburse the City for its actual labor and material expenses for all work done under the contract. The City of Farmington further secures annual permits from MDOT to conduct maintenance work on the road and City utilities as well as installation of banners within the trunkline right-of-way.

MDOT requires that the City of Farmington, by resolution, indemnify the State from any liability which may occur as the result of work that the City is performing or banners that have been hung within the State right-of-way. The City, by resolution further authorizes the City Manager and the Public Works Superintendent or their delegate to submit applications to the Michigan Department of Transportation for necessary permit work within State of Michigan right-of-way on behalf of the City. The remaining provisions within the resolution are relatively standard.

Move to adopt the Performance Resolution regarding annual, and individual permit applications with Michigan Department of Transportation for Miscellaneous Operations within State Trunkline Right of Way.**

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

C. Consideration to approve amendment to Verizon Lease Agreement for 108 Farmington and Freedom and Memorandum of Lease

City Manager Murphy requested approval for the Restatement and First Amendment to the Lease Agreement that allows Verizon to operate equipment on the ground to service its antenna located on the adjacent AT&T tower.

Move to approve the Restatement and First Amendment to the Lease Agreement with New Par d/b/a/ Verizon Wireless and to execute a Memorandum of the Restatement and First Amendment to Lease and to authorize the City Manager to sign the First Amendment and Memorandum.**

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

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Colleen Coogan, 33821 Glenview Drive, withdrew her application for Beautification Committee, stating that she would be happy to explore openings and opportunities in other committees.

8. CITY COUNCIL COMMENT

Steve Schneemann commented on the public comment made earlier about safe crosswalks, stating that most people on the dais had also experienced close calls and aggressive drivers. He suggested education and robust enforcement by Public Safety to remind people that Farmington takes pedestrian safety very seriously. He asked for a meeting with the City Manager and the Department of Public Safety soon to discuss this issue.

Taylor echoed Schneemann and stated that she wanted to see more tickets issued.

Balk mentioned that Jeannie Bay had contacted her previously about sidewalks and that she would follow up with Ms. Bay about her concerns.

Bowman brought up the fact that so many volunteers were interested in one committee and talked about the many volunteer opportunities that are available in Farmington. She noted that it was the matter of explaining what all of our committees do that would assist people to find the right opportunity to help. Council will be bringing entire committees to study session meetings once a month in order to meet them and give them an opportunity to be heard.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:44 p.m.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: April 18, 2022

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