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## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on March 2, 2026 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 7:00 PM by Mayor LaRussa

### 1. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Johnna Balk	Mayor Pro-Tem	Excused	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor	Present	
Kevin Parkins	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

#### **City Administration Present:**

City Manager, David Murphy  
City Clerk, Meaghan Bachman  
Director of Public Safety, Bob Houhanisin  
Finance Director/Treasurer, Jaime Pohlman  
DPW Superintendent, Josh Leach  
DDA Director, Jessica Westendorf  
City Attorney, Beth Saarela

### 2. Approval of the Regular Agenda

Motion by Taylor  
Seconded by Schneemann

Resolved, move to approve the regular agenda as with the amendment as follows:

- Add closed session for the purpose of discussion of the CPOAM collective bargaining agreement.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

### 3. Public Comment

Alyssa Taube, Community Engagement Representative with the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office, introduced herself as the community engagement representative, providing contact information and educational materials about water and sewer services, stormwater management, and emergency relief funds for residents.

**4. Finalization of City Workplan**

The city workplan for 2026-27 was presented to council by City Consultant, Vince Pastue, who facilitated the development of goals and objectives with both department heads and council members. The plan was organized into functional areas with assigned responsibilities, with timelines, and formatted to be realistic and achievable. Mr. Pastue covered areas that included financial stability, organizational operations, IT service optimization, community development, governance, and communications. It was requested by Councilmember Taylor to amend the workplan to include infrastructure related projects that had been benchmarked or previously considered, including the Civic Theater, trails, and the mansion as infrastructure items.

Motion by Balk  
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to accept the 2026/2027 workplan as presented with the amendment to include infrastructure related projects that had been benchmarked or previously considered, including the Civic Theater, trails, and the mansion.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

**5. Agreement with Oakland County P25 Simulcast Radio System**

Motion by Taylor  
Supported by Schneemann

Resolved, move to approve the resolution agreement with Oakland County regarding the P25 Simulcast System.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

**6. Purchase of Three Pedestrian Bus Stop Structures**

Motion by Taylor  
Supported by Schneemann

Resolved, move to approve the purchase of three (3) Eclipse Arched Pedestrian Structures from Brasco International of Madison Heights, MI in the amount of \$41,625.00.

Roll Call Vote:  
Yeas:, LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor  
Nays: None  
Motion carried unanimously 4-0

**7. Planning and Building Department Online Technology Billing Fee**

Motion by Taylor  
Supported by Parkins

Resolved, move to approve the City Fee Schedule, Establishing a Planning and Building Department Online Technology Fee.

Roll Call Vote:  
Yeas: Parkins, Schneemann, Taylor, LaRussa  
Nays: None  
Motion carried unanimously 4-0

**8. Other Business**

No other business was heard.

**9. Public Comment**

No members of the public spoke.

**10. Council Comment**

Councilmember Taylor praised the work plan that was approved, calling it the best one she had seen in her eight years in office. She noted it had clear timeframes and clear assignments for all items, and stated she looked forward to seeing it completed. She also extended her thanks to Vince Pastue (the facilitator) for his hard work on the plan.

Mayor LaRussa distributed several items to Council from SEMCOG including, the Southeast Michigan Healthy Climate Plan, zoning legislation, and the My Homes program. He noted the upcoming SEMCOG General Assembly and encouraged all to attend. The Mayor also discussed the upcoming State of the Cities event.

**11. Closed Session**

Motion by Taylor  
Supported by Schneemann

Resolved, to convene into closed session for the purpose of discussion of the CPOAM collective bargaining agreement.

Roll Call Vote:  
Yeas: Schneemann, Taylor, LaRussa, Parkins  
Nays: None  
Motion carried unanimously 4-0

**Reconvene Into Regular Meeting**

Motion by Taylor  
Supported by Schneemann

Resolved, to reconvene into the regular city council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

**Vote on Closed Session Item**

Motion by Taylor  
Supported by Schneemann

Resolved, to accept the collective bargaining agreement from the CPOAM as presented.

Roll Call Vote:  
Yeas: Taylor, LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann  
Nays: None  
Motion carried unanimously 4-0

**11. Adjournment**

Motion by Taylor  
Seconded by Schneemann

Resolved, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

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Joe LaRussa, Mayor

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Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk