



**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., Monday, February 5, 2018**  
**Conference Room**  
**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 5, 2018, at 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 7:01 PM by Mayor Steve Schneemann.

### **1. Roll Call**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Sara Bowman	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
William Galvin	Councilmember	Absent	
Joe LaRussa	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

#### **City Administration Present**

Director Christiansen  
City Clerk Halberstadt  
City Manager Murphy  
City Attorney Saarela

### **2. Approval of Agenda**

**Move to approve the regular agenda as amended, moving agenda items 6 & 7.**

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

### **3. Public Comment**

No public comment was heard.

### **4. Amendment of Resolution 11-17-037 Regarding Farmington City Council Meeting Dates and Times**

**Move to amend Resolution No. 11-17-037 regarding Farmington City Council meeting dates to replace Tuesday, February 19, 2018 with the correct date of Tuesday, February 20, 2018.**

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

**5. Consideration to Adopt Resolution Recommending Approval of Redevelopment Liquor License for Loft Cigars, LLC**

**Present: Donovan Singleton, owner Loft Cigars, LLC**

Knight advised City of Farmington has received a request for a Redevelopment Liquor License from Loft Cigars, LLC. Loft Cigars will be located at 33423 Grand River Avenue, within the boundary of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority.

Mr. Singleton provided a background on the Loft Cigars and his plans for the business.

Responding to Bowman, Donovan discussed the ventilation that will be installed to ensure cigar smoke does not encroach on adjacent businesses. The starting business hours will be 11:00AM – 11:00PM.

Responding to Taylor, Donovan stated the smoking will be confined to indoors only.

Responding to Taylor, Saarela discussed why Loft Cigars is statutorily eligible for a Redevelopment Liquor License.

Responding to LaRussa, Saarela confirmed there is no City ordinance that prevents public smoking, however, Loft Cigars would be subject to the same State law as any other business regarding smoking in a public place.

**Move to recuse Schneemann from Council action related to Loft Cigars due to his business interest in same.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember
<b>RECUSED:</b>	Schneemann, Mayor
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	LaRussa, Taylor, Bowman

**Move to adopt a resolution authorizing a new Class C and SDM Redevelopment Liquor License with Sunday Sales Permit, Dan Permit and Entertainment Permit for Loft Cigars, LLC, 33419 Grand River Avenue, subject to all required approvals from the State of Michigan regarding issuance of the Cigar Bar exemption and any other State Laws regarding ban on smoking in a public place. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	LaRussa, Taylor, Bowman

**6. Consideration to Authorize Submittal of Documentation for Redevelopment Liquor License for Loft Cigars, LLC**

**Move to authorize City Staff to submit documentation for a Redevelopment Liquor License Cigars, LLC. (DBA Loft Cigars), 33419 Grand River Avenue.**

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

**7. Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market – Market Manager Walt Gajewski**

Walt Gajewski provided a recap of 2017 Market Activities and plans and goals for 2018.

Responding to LaRussa, Gajewski stated they keep the market open during Founders Festival for the farmers. He noted the Chamber is considering including the market in the festival this year.

Responding to LaRussa, Gajewski stated the market will follow the tide and trend of the City in moving to the next level.

Responding to Taylor, Gajewski stated he has written the weekly column for the market since 2011.

Discussion followed regarding market inclusion in the Farmington Voice.

Bowman stated she enjoys the International Days, the Health and Wellness events and the walking tours sponsored by the Market.

Schneemann noted the fantastic job Gajewski has done with the market, noting he has taken it to a new level.

**8. Other Business**

No other business.

**9. Council Comment**

Bowman stated how much she enjoys the State of the Cities event sponsored by the Chamber, noting it is open to the public.

Taylor asked about the availability of the Council goals that were set in January. Schneemann responded they are on his desk for review along with a draft of Council Rules and Procedures. He will provide them to Council by the end of the week.

**10. Adjournment**

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Steve Schneemann, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: February 20, 2018



**Local Government Approval**  
(Authorized by MCL 436.1501)

**Instructions for Applicants:**

- You must obtain a recommendation from the local legislative body for a new on-premises license application, certain types of license classification transfers, and/or a new banquet facility permit.

**Instructions for Local Legislative Body:**

- Complete this resolution or provide a resolution, along with certification from the clerk or adopted minutes from the meeting at which this request was considered.

At a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_ council/board  
(regular or special) (township, city, village)

called to order by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(date) (time)

the following resolution was offered:

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_

that the application from Loft Cigars, LLC  
(name of applicant)

for the following license(s): new Class C license under 436.1521 (a) 1 (b)  
(list specific licenses requested)

to be located at: 33419 Grand River, Farmington 48336

and the following permit, if applied for:

Banquet Facility Permit Address of Banquet Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

It is the consensus of this body that it \_\_\_\_\_ this application be considered for  
(recommends/does not recommend)

approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

If disapproved, the reasons for disapproval are \_\_\_\_\_

**Vote**

Yeas: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and is a complete copy of the resolution offered and adopted by the \_\_\_\_\_  
council/board at a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ (township, city, village)  
(regular or special) (date)

Print Name of Clerk

Signature of Clerk

Date

Under Article IV, Section 40, of the Constitution of Michigan (1963), the Commission shall exercise complete control of the alcoholic beverage traffic within this state, including the retail sales thereof, subject to statutory limitations. Further, the Commission shall have the sole right, power, and duty to control the alcoholic beverage traffic and traffic in other alcoholic liquor within this state, including the licensure of businesses and individuals.

Please return this completed form along with any corresponding documents to:

Michigan Liquor Control Commission

Mailing address: P.O. Box 30005, Lansing, MI 48909

Hand deliveries or overnight packages: Constitution Hall - 525 W. Allegan, Lansing, MI 48933

Fax to: 517-763-0059