



**City Council Reorganizational Meeting  
 6:00 p.m., Monday, November 27, 2023  
 Conference Room  
 23600 Liberty Street  
 Farmington, MI 48335**

**FINAL**

**REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES**

A reorganization meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on November 27, 2023, 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 6:00 PM by City Manager Murphy.

**1. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY MEAGHAN K. BACHMAN, CITY CLERK**

Oath of Office: Joe LaRussa, Johnna Balk, Kevin Parkins

**2. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Johnna Balk	Councilmember	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Councilmember	Present	
Kevin Parkins	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

**City Administration Present**

Public Safety Director Bob Houhanisin  
 City Clerk Meaghan Bachman  
 Assistant to the City Manager Melissa Andrade  
 City Manager David Murphy  
 City Attorney Tom Schultz

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**5. ELECTION OF MAYOR – DAVID MURPHY, CITY MANAGER, WILL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

Taylor moved to nominate Joe LaRussa as Mayor.

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

*Mayor LaRussa conducted the remainder of the meeting.*

**6. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

Schneemann moved to nominate Johnna Balk as Mayor Pro Tem.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [4-1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Schneemann, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Parkins, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	LaRussa, Parkins, Schneemann, Balk
<b>NAYS:</b>	Taylor

**7. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBERS TO SERVE ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

- A. Farmington Retiree Health Care Board of Trustees – LaRussa
- B. Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors (DDA) – Balk
- C. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority – LaRussa
- D. Farmington Election Commission – Balk
- E. Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council (MCMR) – Parkins
- F. S.E.M.C.O.G. – LaRussa, Alternate – Schneemann
- G. Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority – Schneemann
- H. Greater Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce – Parkins
- I. Charter Review Committee – Taylor
- J. Downtown Farmington Public Parking Committee – Parkins
- K. Commission for Children, Youth and Families – Schneemann
- L. Pathways Committee – Taylor
- M. Beaumont Community Advisory Board – No appointment at this time
- N. Farmington Area Arts Commission - Balk
- O. Founders Festival Committee – Balk

**Move to adopt the resolution reassigning Council Members to serve on various boards and commissions.**

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

**8. PUBLIC HEARING PROGRAM YEAR 2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

**Move to enter a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the Program Year 2023 Community Development Block Grant Application.**

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

Public hearing was opened at 6:17 PM.

No public comment was heard.

Public hearing was closed at 6:17 PM.

**7. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2024 PROGRAM YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

City Manager David Murphy presented this item. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for 2024 is projected by Oakland County to be \$26,502. The administration's preliminary recommendation is that Council considers establishing the following development objectives:

- senior center and senior public services. City Manager Murphy proposed allocating \$18,552 to meet the objectives.

**Move to approve resolution adopting 2023 Program Year Community Development Block Grant Application.**

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

## 8. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2024 PROGRAM YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

City Manager David Murphy presented this item. This request is from Public Safety Officer, James Wren and he would like to purchase 1 month of service credit due to a brief separation of service with the City of Farmington.

**Move to approve a resolution to authorize James Wren to purchase 1 month of service credit from MERS.**

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

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Davies of the Beautification Committee spoke regarding a concern with invitations to the commission volunteer holiday dinner.

## 10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Taylor explained the reason she voted no to the nomination of Councilmember Balk to the position of Mayor Pro-Tem.

Councilmember Schneemann congratulated Mayor LaRussa in his new position. He further congratulated Mayor Pro-Tem Balk. He then welcomed Councilmember Parkins to Council.

Mayor LaRussa thanked his colleagues for the unanimous support to his role as Mayor. He thanked his family for their support and noted he is excited for this opportunity. He further congratulated Mayor Pro-Tem Balk in her new position and welcomed Councilmember Parkins.

\*Video recording of the council meeting can be found by visiting [www.farmgov.com](http://www.farmgov.com)

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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Joe LaRussa, Mayor

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Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk

Approval Date: December 18, 2023