



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on February 17, 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	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor	Present	
Kevin Parkins	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

Mike Sweeney, Emergency Preparedness Commissioner, presented a report on recent severe weather preparedness and community outreach efforts.

4. Approval of Items on Consent Agenda

Motion by Balk

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- A. City of Farmington Minutes
- B. Farmington Monthly Payments Report
- C. Farmington Public Safety Monthly Report
- D. Building Department & DPW Quarterly Reports
- E. Quarterly Investment Report
- F. Board and Commission Resignations: Historical Commission and Beautification Committee
- G. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Appointments
- H. Special Event Application: Crop Walk

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

5. Approval of the Regular Agenda

Motion by Balk
Seconded by Schneemann

Resolved, move to approve the regular agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

6. Presentation/Public Hearings**A. Public Safety Officer Erin Moylan Oath of Office**

Public Safety Director Houhanisin presented Officer Moylan with her Oath of Office. Officer Moylan's sister had the honor of pinning her badge on her uniform during the ceremony.

B. Public Safety Statement on ICE

Public Safety Director Houhanisin delivered a comprehensive presentation on the Public Safety Department's policy regarding Immigration, Customs and Enforcement interactions. The Chief clarified that Farmington Public Safety does not conduct immigration enforcement operations, does not alert ICE during traffic stops, and has not entered into any 287G agreements with federal immigration authorities. He explained the department's mutual aid relationships with other agencies and emphasized that while federal agencies have jurisdiction to operate within city limits, Farmington officers can assist residents by verifying identities and documenting interaction.

Councilmember Taylor read a prepared statement expressing pride in Farmington's community policing model. She emphasized the importance of all residents deserving to feel safe in Farmington. Ms. Taylor requested that the ICE policy be published on the city website so residents could access it directly.

Mayor LaRussa asked about formal agreements between ICE and local law enforcement – if Farmington has entered into any agreements. The Chief responded that an agreement has not been made and if such agreement was formed it would require council approval. Mayor LaRussa thanked the Chief for bringing the information to Council and giving them the opportunity to be informed.

7. New Business**A. Planning Commission Annual Report**

Assistant City Manager Chris Weber presented the Planning Commission's annual report, highlighting the ongoing master plan development that began in January 2025 and will conclude with a public hearing in March. The report also covered the completed capital improvement plan draft available for public comment and discussions about relaxing parking requirements in the central business district to encourage development.

8. Public Comment

Trudy Feenstra, 34571 Arundel, expressed concerns about ICE operations in Farmington, particularly near Longacre Elementary School. She also raised questions about data-sharing practices, including whether Flock camera data would be shared with federal agencies.

Kimberly Shay, 23606 Wesley, spoke regarding ICE and noted a suggestion to share information widely with the community.

9. Council Comment

Mayor Pro-Tem Balk noted she supports the Farmington Public Safety Department and shared her experiences working at OCC, where ESL professors expressed real concerns for their students. She emphasized that kindness must be central to the community's approach and that Farmington represents diversity and inclusiveness.

Mayor LaRussa acknowledged the request for public outreach, noting that Chief Houhanisin's statement would be appropriate for release and suggesting the creation of an FAQ or other communication methods to share information widely with the community. Mayor LaRussa read a statement from Oakland County Treasurer message about tax foreclosure prevention efforts. He also reminded the public about the State of the Cities event that was moved to March 6th at Farmington High School, beginning at 7:00 PM with a business expo and food trucks beforehand.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Balk
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk