



**City Council Meeting**  
**6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 16, 2024**  
**Conference Room**  
**23600 Liberty Street**  
**Farmington, MI 48335**

**FINAL**

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## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on January 16, 2024, 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 Mayor LaRussa.

### **1. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Johnna Balk	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	
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  
City Attorney Tom Schultz

### **2. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

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

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

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sarah Davies of the Beautification Committee and a resident at 23120 Violet Street, spoke of the candidate interviewing for a position on the Beautification Committee Board.

**4. Board and Commission Interviews**  
**A. Beautification - Jamie Palmisano**  
**B. Downtown Development Authority - Shawn Kavanagh MacDonell, Heights Brewing**

City Council interviewed candidates for the Beautification Committee and the Downtown Development Authority. The following motion was made for the DDA appointment:

**Move to appoint Shawn Kavanagh MacDonell to the Farmington Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board of Directors to a 4-year term ending 2/28/2028.**

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

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

City Manager David Murphy noted he was contacted by the Michigan WWII Legacy Memorial. The road to victory in WWII ran through Michigan and more specifically Farmington. A commemorative bronze plaque is available for purchase to place in town. It was further noted on November 3, 1944 the Japanese military launched hydrogen filled balloons and 280 made it to Michigan and one hit at the home of John T. Cook near 8 Mile and Farmington. The plaque would display the history. Mr. Murphy asked Council if they are interested in a presentation from the organization. Council decided, to have the organization give a presentation explaining the history of the event.

City Manager David Murphy noted the Beautification Committee asked to host a luminary event in the spring to celebrate the Bicentennial. This proposed event was discussed in more detail, and it was decided to discuss options further with the committee.

**6. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Schneemann noted his firm is doing work for a public library and found three options for the Farmington Library. He noted these are concepts that include City Hall along with the library and will be presented to Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Balk noted a reception is being planned for the Artwork at City Hall and proposed a date in March to be decided along with Melissa Andrade, Assistant to the City Manager.

Mayor LaRussa asked Council if they are interested in having DTE give a presentation to Council as it has been a year since they last updated Council. It was decided that a date will be arranged with DTE to present Council with an update.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Schneemann, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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Joe LaRussa, Mayor

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Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk

Approval Date: February 20, 2024