



Regular City Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Monday, March 2, 2020  
Conference Room  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335

## FINAL

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on March 2, 2020, 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 7:00 pm by Mayor Pro Tem LaRussa.

#### 1. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Mayor	Absent	
Dave DeLind	Councilmember	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

#### City Administration Present

Director Christiansen  
Director Demers  
City Clerk Mullison  
City Attorney Saarela

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Move to approve the regular meeting agenda as presented.\*\*

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

#### 3. Swearing in of Councilmember David DeLind

City Clerk Mullison administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Councilmember DeLind.

#### 4. Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

#### 5. Presentation & consideration to approve a Veteran Banner Program to honor area veterans

Commander Andrew Morché and Assistant to the City Manager Melissa Andrade made a short presentation outlining the proposed Veteran banner program and how the idea came about.

Schneemann asked several questions about implementation and whether stories might be collated into book. In response to a question by Taylor, Morche said that the banners would be displayed May through November. LaRussa asked about funding through the Historical Commission, once they have a quorum. Bowman was absent but sent an email stating her support for the Veteran's Recognition program.

**Move to approve the promotion and execution of the veteran banner program in order to honor Farmington area Veterans.\*\***

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

#### 6. Consideration to approve the purchase of two Police Patrol Vehicles

Director Demers requested the purchase of two 2020 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicles (AWD). The budget request is for FY 20/21 and the vehicles would not be purchased until after July 1, 2020. The purchase would be part of an ongoing replacement program for public safety patrol vehicles. The request includes options similar to those purchased in 2019. The cost has not increased from the 2019 cost.

**Move to approve the purchase of two police patrol vehicles from Gorno Ford, Woodhaven MI, in the amount of \$65,738.00.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Schneemann, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, DeLind
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Bowman

**7. Approve Introduction and First Reading of an ordinance relating to smoke shops as a special land use**

Director Christiansen introduced a text amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance which would add "smoke shops" to the list of Special Land Uses in the C3 District. These uses are generally defined as retail establishments where 50 percent or more of the retail area, defined as wall to wall, is used for the display, promotion, sale or use of tobacco and/or alternative nicotine (vape) products; or an establishment where the sale of those products constitutes greater than 50 percent of the establishment's merchandise. Such uses would, if adopted, be allowed by the Planning Commission after review under the Special Land Use criteria of the Zoning Ordinance, only in the C3 Zoning District. Right now, the uses are permitted in the CBD and C2 Districts as well.

Council discussed what kind of establishment this ordinance would restrict and whether mixed use establishments might be affected. Christiansen reported that the ordinance document had already been through the Planning Commission and had a public hearing. He summarized the special land use requirements and criteria. Schneemann asked why this ordinance was submitted by the city attorney for consideration.

Taylor stated that she had asked the city attorney to address this topic and that was why this ordinance had come to planning commission and council. Discussion followed that included definitions of affected establishments, clarification about how a designation would be applied, and specific wording in the first draft of the ordinance.

Council concluded that they would like an expanded definition and the city attorney will make adjustments and bring to council again.

**Move to approve the Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance C-798-2020 relating to smoke shops as a special land use with minor adjustments to the language as discussed with the City Attorney.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Schneemann, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember

**8. Other Business**

LaRussa updated Council with follow up on Founders Festival discussion from the previous meeting. He stated that several people who had made public comments at that meeting have since held a series of meetings with the DDA Executive Director and the Market Master and collaboration is being planned. He shared that a suggestion had been that the City contract an event planner to plan a beer tasting. Discussion ensued, with a consensus that the DDA is better suited to make events in the downtown happen.

**9. Public Comment**

No public comment was heard.

**10. Council Comment**

Schneemann welcomed DeLind to Council.

Taylor also thanked DeLind for stepping up to serve on Council

DeLind thanked Council for their vote of confidence and said that he looks forward to working with them all.

Taylor told Christiansen to convey a message to City Manager Murphy to set up the goal setting meeting that had been deferred until the Council was whole again.

LaRussa welcomed DeLind and said that he was glad Council was back to full strength.

**11. Adjournment**

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Joe LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem

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Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: March 16, 2020

**\*\***To view approved documents, please see the Agenda Packet link that is relevant to this meeting at <http://farmgov.com/City-Services/Government/Agendas-and-Minutes/City-Council.aspx> or contact the City Clerk.