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City of Farmington Hills Swears in New City Clerk

Carly Lindahl, who was the City's deputy clerk for 10 years, had been serving as interim city clerk since late 2023

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (Jan. 23, 2023) - The City of Farmington Hills is pleased to announce the promotion of Carly Lindahl to city clerk. She was sworn in to serve as the City's new clerk at the City Council meeting on Monday, Jan. 22. Lindahl has been with the City of Farmington Hills since April 2000.

"For more than 20 years, Carly has been an integral part of the City of Farmington Hills team," said City Manager Gary Mekjian. "She has continually demonstrated her commitment to the residents of this community and is a strong addition to the City's administration."

Lindahl started her career with the City of Farmington Hills as a department aide in the Engineering Division before transferring to the City Clerk's Office in 2012. She worked her way up from secretary to the city clerk, to deputy clerk and now clerk.

"I'm honored to continue my career in the City of Farmington Hills and look forward to serving the community in this new capacity without skipping a beat," said Carly Lindahl. "I'm stepping into this role at a pivotal time, as we prepare for the 2024 presidential primary election."

As city clerk, Lindahl will be responsible for the administration of all elections and will serve as secretary to the City Council. The city clerk also serves as the City's Freedom of Information Act coordinator, provides support services to the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Dangerous Animal Review Board, and manages the agendas and minutes for all other City boards and commissions. Lindahl will lead a staff of five who are tasked with maintaining all City Codes, Ordinances, Resolutions and other legal documents. The Clerk's Office also processes and issues various permits and licenses, including those for special events, temporary outdoor sales, solicitors/peddlers and liquor licenses, processes and distributes certified copies of birth and death records, maintains the City's voter registration file, and is responsible for recording City documents with the Oakland County Register of Deeds.

In 2022, Lindahl received her level two Michigan Professional Municipal Clerk (MiPMC) certification through the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks. The MiPMC certification recognizes clerks for their extensive knowledge of and commitment to the multifaceted clerk's profession. She was also designated as a certified municipal clerk (CMC) through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, a certification that demonstrates mastery of the skills critical to good government. She is also an accredited election official through the Michigan Bureau of Elections.

Lindahl has a bachelor of science in community development with a concentration in public administration from Central Michigan University. In her free time, she enjoys staying active, traveling and soaking up the Michigan summer sun. She is an Oakland County resident.

Since 2011, the position of city clerk was held by Pam Smith who retired on Jan. 22 after more than 34 years. Following Lindahl's promotion, Ashley Hopper, who has served as the secretary to the city clerk since 2014, was promoted to deputy clerk.

For more information, please call the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410.

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About the City of Farmington Hills

The City of Farmington Hills is a place where everyone is welcome. Founded in 1973, it is one of the largest and most diverse communities in Oakland County. Farmington Hills is home to more than 83,000 residents who speak more than 60 languages, and more than 75 Fortune 500 businesses, including multinational corporations like Nissan and Bosch. The City is known for its extensive amenities, including its 600 acres of parks, 90 athletic fields, six miles of hiking and walking trails, the Farmington Hills Golf Club, and an Ice Arena. Farmington Hills is also home to The Hawk, an award-winning, 245,000-square-foot recreational facility, which houses the largest municipal performance venue in the State of Michigan, The Hawk Theatre. For more information, visit www.fhgov.com.

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