



Special City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 12, 2019
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

STUDY SESSION MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on February 12, 2019, in Farmington City Hall, Farmington, MI. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Steve Schneemann.

1. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
William Galvin	Councilmember	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz
City Treasurer Weber

2. Approval of Agenda

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

3. Public Comment

David Ryall, 35838 Briar Ridge Lane, asked Council to explain part of the summary of recommendation that would be discussed at this meeting.

4. City Administration New Millage Initial Recommendation

City Manager Murphy introduced an administrative recommendation to utilize the millage increase of 3 mills for 10 years that was approved by the residents of the city on November 8, 2018.

Murphy requested Council come to a consensus on the split of the millage, which projects should be funded, how the capital projects should be funded, and what changes to operations need to be made.

Schneemann commented on procedure for the meeting and opened the floor to council questions and comments. Topics discussed were unlevied tax balance, possible ways to split the millage funds between operations and capital improvement projects, priority and preliminary scope of projects being considered, and communication with Farmington residents about use of millage funds.

A majority of the council felt that a split of one mill to operations and 2 mills to capital projects was a good place to start.

Members of Council requested that administration continue to communicate about a list of projects to be considered and create a budget statement policy in terms of benefits and pension. They indicated their individual capital improvement priorities and concerns and discussed next steps in the process for planning.

5. Other Business

Move to add second Public Comment after Other Business.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Councilmember

LaRussa asked to continue his appointment to the joint broadband commission since their charter had recently been renewed by the City of Farmington Hills. He asked for future agenda time to present the group's findings.

Move to re-appoint Joe LaRussa to Joint Broadband Commission.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

LaRussa also asked for first meeting in April to be at the dais instead of in the conference room as is customary.

6. Public Comment

David Ryall, 35838 Briar Ridge Lane, gave Council his opinion on uses for the millage funds.

7. Council Comment

No council comment was heard.

8. Adjournment

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Steve Schneemann, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: February 19, 2019