



Special Council Meeting
6:00p.m., Monday, June 17, 2019
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on June 17, 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 6:00 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

Director Christiansen (left at 6:01 pm, returned at 6:09 pm)
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Saarela
City Treasurer Weber

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. CLOSED SESSION – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS & PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Move to enter closed session to discuss labor negotiations and property acquisition.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Bowman, Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor

Council entered closed session at 6:01 p.m.

Move to exit closed session.

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

Council exited closed session at 6:30 p.m.

Move to approve the TPOAM contract as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
AYES:	Galvin, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman

Move to approve the purchase agreement as proposed for the Maxfield Training Center property.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4-1]
MOVER:	Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	LaRussa, Councilmember
AYES:	LaRussa, Schneemann, Bowman, Galvin
NAYS:	Taylor

6. OTHER BUSINESS

City Manager Murphy presented the resignation letter of Mansion Director Kim Shay, effective June 30, 2019. Bowman asked Murphy whether he had an opportunity to speak to Shay before she submitted her resignation, and he replied that Shay felt that the council didn't understand what her role was and how much effort she puts into it. He also relayed her views about comparing the Mansion to other City holdings such as the Civic Theater, and that a museum was never going to make money. Shay felt that it should be considered a City asset like one of our parks. Bowman restated that Shay's resignation was a huge loss. Schneemann said to lose someone like Shay was a real loss for the City. Murphy agreed to bring a strategy for finding a new director back to Council

Murphy announced that he would be absent for a period of time this summer due to a health issue. Schneemann requested an outline for administrative structure during Murphy's absence.

LaRussa asked for feedback on the cost to prepare a first reading for an ordinance to allow dual water meters. Murphy reported on specific costs, and Bowman asked what the next step was in preparing a new ordinance. Schneemann commented that there seemed to be a split on council with a majority against moving forward. Discussion ensued as to the benefits and risks of public discussion on the topic. LaRussa argued that bringing it forward would provide clarity on record, a clear legislative action, and would ultimately be the end of discussion. No action was taken toward creating an ordinance to consider at this time.

7. COUNCIL COMMENT

Taylor asked Murphy about burying cable on Oakland Street.

LaRussa commented that the Mansion does have a commodity to sell and that the property has value we haven't found how to unlock. He states that the City needs a vision for the property and an actionable plan to achieve that vision. The City now has an opportunity for change, and LaRussa wants to see what new candidates would bring. Murphy reminded Council that, looking back to the original vision for the Mansion, it is presently what it was envisioned to be. Galvin asked for a better understanding of the agreement with the family that donated the property.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Steve Schneemann, Mayor

Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: July 15, 2019