



Special Council Meeting  
 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 6, 2022  
 Council Chambers  
 23600 Liberty Street  
 Farmington, MI 48335

**FINAL**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on September 6, 2022 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 6:04 pm by Mayor Sara Bowman.

**1. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Johnna Balk	Councilmember	Present	
Sara Bowman	Mayor	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Absent	6:10 pm
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

**City Administration Present**

City Clerk Mullison  
 City Manager Murphy  
 City Attorney Schultz (arr. at 6:27 pm)  
 Director Weber

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

### 4. BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

#### A. Parking Advisory Committee

Justin McAvoy was interviewed for a vacancy on the Parking Advisory Committee. The vacancy is a partial term that ends on June 30, 2024.

**Move to appoint Justin McAvoy to the Downtown Farmington Parking Advisory Committee for a term ending June 30, 2024.\*\***

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

#### B. Beautification Committee

Rachel Cash was interviewed for a vacancy on the Beautification Commission for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2025.

**Move to appoint Rachel Cash to the Beautification Commission for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2025.\*\***

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

### 5. DISCUSS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY AT 33825 GRAND RIVER

City Manager Murphy and Director Weber facilitated a discussion on the pros and cons of bonding for the funds to purchase property. Murphy listed costs associated with the purchase, including costs if Council chose to take out a bond. Weber noted an email given to Council from Pat McGow of Miller Canfield that laid out different financing options including issuing Capital Improvement Bonds, using General Fund surplus for the acquisition, or a hybrid plan which would use an Act 99 Installment Purchase Agreement for the land acquisition price only and cash for other costs of making the property usable. Weber suggested that using monies we already have might be more fiscally responsible.

Councilmembers noted that it was good to have options and questioned Murphy and Weber about the City's unassigned fund balance ratio, interest costs for bonding or the hybrid plan, inflationary pressures, whether any options could be paid off ahead of schedule, about needed flexibility in financing, and about opportunity costs. McGow ran through the schedule and timing required in order to bond or take financing.

Bowman summarized the situation that arose from an opportunity to purchase land adjacent to the Governor Warner Mansion. She requested that an informed decision be made soon, if not at the next meeting. Council continued to discuss options and preferences for moving forward.

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

Murphy announced that the City had applied for a grant for EV charging stations.

Bowman commented on an extended power loss across the City due to a recent weather event and wanted to know whether Council was interested in inviting DTE to come to a Council meeting and lay out their improvement plan. Council indicated interest in a presentation by DTE as a first step, with possible town hall style meetings in future.

## 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

## 8. COUNCIL COMMENT

No Council comment was heard.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor

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Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: Monday, September 19, 2022