



Special Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, November 16, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on November 16, 2020, as a Virtual Meeting via Zoom, an electronic meeting platform. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976 and electronically as authorized under the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261, et seq., as amended by HB 1108, in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to vulnerable Michiganders by limiting in-person contact and the number of people interacting at public gatherings.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Sara Bowman.

1. ROLL CALL

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

City Administration Present

Superintendent Eudy
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz
Controller Norgard
Director Weber

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

3. PRESENTATION: ANNUAL AUDIT, PLANTE MORAN

Director Weber and Controller Norgard introduced Justin Kolbow and David Helisek from Plante Moran to present a report on the City's annual audit. The City earned an unmodified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance.

LaRussa commended Helisek and Kolbow for their work done on the audit. He asked about indicators of impact from COVID-19 on government units and Bowman thanked Norgard and Weber for their efforts in making sure Plante Moran had all of the information and documentation they needed to complete this year's audit remotely.

4. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE MERS PLAN ADDENDUM

Weber requested approval for an addendum to the City's pension plans since MERS is implementing several modifications to the way in which defined benefit, defined contribution and hybrid plans are administered. The documents do not expand, change, or eliminate benefits, they only provide more detail about how the plan is currently administered in terms of Plan Eligibility Clarification, Day of Work Definition, Leaves of Absence Clarification, and Definition of Compensation.

In response to a question from LaRussa, Weber clarified that the Professional Part Time designation was different than other part time workers and was included in the addendum as well.

Move to Adopt MERS Agreement Addendum for the City's MERS Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution Plans.**

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

5. DISCUSS OAKLAND COUNTY WATER RESOURCE COMMISSIONER OFFICE'S PROPOSAL TO RECONDITION PUMP 6 AT 9 MILE RETENTION

Superintendent Eudy made himself available to answer any questions Council might have about the proposal to recondition Pump #6 which will be brought before Council for approval in the following Regular meeting.

Schneemann asked about whether the Detroit Pump quote was the only one received, and Eudy explained that Oakland County passed along the quote. He was advised that a reconditioned pump was best answer for this situation. LaRussa asked whether there was a need to adopt a more frequent schedule of asset management to keep these pumps in better condition. Murphy indicated that he would like to look at the asset management program in this regard. LaRussa was interested in seeing what a long range plan would look like.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

8. COUNCIL COMMENT

No Council comment was heard.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: December 21, 2020

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