



Special Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, July 19, 2021
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on July 19, 2021 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 Sara Bowman.

1. ROLL CALL

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

City Administration Present

City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy

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. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. BOARD AND COMMISSION UPDATES**a. Parking Committee – Joe Mantey**

The Parking Committee has met virtually every other month during the pandemic and they have been working on strategies to address future parking issues as Farmington advances toward parking saturation. Council thanked Mantey for his past service to the Parking Committee. Bowman asked whether having a Farmington Hills resident on the committee might help and suggested that the Pathways and the Parking Committees have some synergy in future as parking and mobility are connected.

b. Library Board – Jim White

Council thanked White for his leadership and for being resilient during past difficulties. White said that he felt there was still work to be done and he's not ready to leave the Board yet. He wants the opportunity to be more successful than he has been and wants to be around to see the library successful in renewing its millage in 2024. He also wants to repair the morale of staff and community.

White thanked Council for their support and suggested that Council could assist by continuing to be thoughtful in choosing Farmington's representative Board members. He said that the library staff has been very active in trying to reach out to the underserved portion of the community and that outreach is improving but still uncertain post-COVID.

Schneemann recused himself from the discussion as his firm is presently engaged by the Library.

c. Arts Commission – Cheryl Blau

The Farmington Area Arts Commission has ramped up in the last few years, including a Stay Healthy, Stay Safe, Stay Creative initiative developed over the pandemic. They are now beginning to look at an art installation at Farmington City Hall, documenting current public art, and finding venues to enhance or add value to areas through art. Schneemann suggested they look at collaborating with the Grand River Corridor Improvement Authority when looking at opportunities for installations at empty storefronts. Discussion centered around public art helping community development through interest in art installations.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

7. COUNCIL COMMENT

No Council comment was heard.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: August 16, 2021