



Special Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, November 15, 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 November 15, 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
Johnna Balk	Councilmember	Present	
Sara Bowman	Mayor	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor Pro Tem	Absent	6:04 pm
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Saarela
Director Weber
Controller Norgard

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

3. PRESENTATION: ANNUAL AUDIT, PLANTE MORAN

Justin Kolbow and David Helisek from Plante Moran presented a report on the City's annual audit. The City earned an unmodified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance that can be given.

Discussion included the timing and inclusion of grants in the audit, pension liabilities, and OPEB funding. Helisek made comments about the Plante Moran letter accompanying the audit results, saying that internal controls were not part of the financial audit, but part of their audit does require them to understand and test internal control structures to the extent that it impacts financial reporting. He noted that the information Finance put together was consistent with generally accepted accounting principles as well as Governmental Accounting Standards Board's implementations. He noted that having the audit in person again this year was better for everyone, though they looked at the same type of documents as it typical in any given year. Helisek also advised that all municipalities focus on cybersecurity.

In response to a question by Schneemann, Helisek said he had seen municipalities be targeted by hackers, and that they look for personal information as held by the City. Bowman cited the professionalism and due care of Controller Norgard and Finance Director Weber throughout fiscal year for the success of the City's audits.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Murphy said that Superintendent Eudy was advised not to be at tonight's meeting because of exposure to a person that had recently tested positive for Covid-19. Murphy and Weber will answer questions about Eudy's items in the regular meeting to follow.

LaRussa asked about getting an extension for the Broadband Task Force through the next six months. Council concurred with LaRussa's request to look into extending the life of the committee.

Schneemann updated Council on the Maxfield Training Center project. He met with Robertson Brothers and they spoke about erosion on the adjacent hillside. The developers were not convinced that the site plan as approved will be able to go forward. He also mentioned public versus private property issues with plans for the connector park. Schneemann was tasked with coming up with some suggestions from the City. Discussion ensued about soil borings, alternatives for development of the hillside, and the future of negotiations with the developer.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

6. COUNCIL COMMENT

No Council comment was heard.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: December 20, 2021