



Special Council Meeting  
 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 4, 2023  
 Council Chambers  
 23600 Liberty Street  
 Farmington, MI 48335

## FINAL

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on January 4, 2023 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 6:32 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	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

#### City Administration Present

Director Christiansen  
 Superintendent Eudy  
 DDA Executive Director Knight  
 City Clerk Mullison  
 City Manager Murphy  
 City Attorney Schultz  
 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>	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Balk, Councilmember

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

### **4. DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

Bowman introduced the topic and Director Christiansen presented development updates on the Maxfield Training Center redevelopment project.

Council discussion encompassed a review of public benefits/amenities that Council would expect to see in the preliminary plans including an “art park” space, the cut-through promenade from Downtown Farmington to Shiawasse Park, the pathway down into the park, and reconstruction/improvements of the areas surrounding the proposed development. Council also reviewed sections of the Robertson Brothers purchase agreement and reviewed sources of funding and incentives with Eric Helzer of Advanced Redevelopment Solutions.

Council asked for further details to be requested from Robertson Brothers, including other elevations and materials of the buildings, more details on the pathway areas of the design, and specific reasons for not being able to bury DTE lines on Thomas Street.

Bowman called recess at 7:46 pm. Council continued discussion at 7:53 pm.

### **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

City Manager Murphy announced that Farmington will be receiving \$2.1 million in federal funding for the Shiawasse Park connector project through the efforts of Representative Haley Stevens.

### **6. COUNCIL COMMENT**

LaRussa thanked Helzer for all his work and stated that this communication style was a very good exercise to bring to Council. He also asked about when the subject of ambulance services will return to Council and reported that he had completed research on portals and dashboards that he wanted to share with Murphy soon.

Schneemann also thanked staff and consultants for all their work on the preparation for the Maxfield PUD. This is a big project for Farmington that is a huge public/private partnership and the possibility to complete the Shiawasse connector was exciting to him.

Bowman thanked councilmembers and staff for making themselves available for this important meeting. She gave kudos to Melissa Andrade, Assistant to the City Manager, for organizing the recent fantastic Downtown New Year’s ball drop.

**7. 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 8:36 pm.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor

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Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: January 17, 2023