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**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

A Special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on January 30, 2013, in Conference Room A, 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 6:37 PM by Mayor J.T. Buck.

**1. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
J.T. Buck	Mayor	Present	
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Kristin Kuiken	Councilmember	Present	
JoAnne McShane	Councilmember	Present	

**City Administration Present**

Director Christiansen  
City Clerk Halberstadt  
City Manager Pastue  
Attorney Schultz

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane

**3. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Land Acquisition and Review of City Attorney Confidential Correspondence**

**Motion to enter into closed session to discuss land acquisition and review City Attorney confidential correspondence.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane

The votes were taken in the following order: Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane, Buck,

Council entered into closed session at 6:38 p.m.

**Motion to return to open session.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane

Council returned to open session at 8:35 p.m.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

**5. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Cowley asked about comments made at a recent Downtown Development Authority Board meeting regarding making changes to the Farmers Market.

Buck responded three business owners were present at the meeting to express their concerns regarding the negative impact the Market has on their Saturday business. The primary concern is lack of parking. The owners offered suggestions including moving the market to another day or to another location.

Buck stated it appears the food service businesses do better as a result of the market than other retail services.

McShane asked if businesses do any type of marketing to counter the negative impact from the market or offer alternative parking.

Buck responded there were a lot of good ideas presented at the meeting. He stated the business owners expressed interest in participating in a dialogue regarding the market.

Buck noted the need to move the market during the Grove Street construction will provide a good opportunity to experiment with different locations.

Galvin asked about available data on businesses who receive benefit from the market.

Buck pointed out the City's goal in having a Farmers Market is to help businesses thrive.

Galvin expressed his belief that this is an education and communication problem. He stated there are ways to use the market and the 4000+ people it draws to the advantage of the businesses. He stated a proactive solution needs to be found.

McShane asked about publicizing the upcoming Community Visioning meeting scheduled for February 18th at Farmington High School.

Pastue responded publicity will include: a mailer in the tax bill; and notifications on cable and the City's website.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**1. Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	William Galvin, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Mayor J.T. Buck

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_