



Special Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, August 16, 2021
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on August 16, 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 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Joe LaRussa.

1. ROLL CALL

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

City Administration Present

City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Saarela

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS: DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

City Council interviewed Donovan Singleton of Cigar Loft and Joseph Coelho of A Global Solution for appointment to the DDA Board for a position that must be filled by a business owner in the downtown.

Move to appoint Donovan Singleton to serve on the Farmington Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors for a term ending February 28, 2022.**

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

5. DISCUSSION ON PARK BATHROOMS

City Manager Murphy introduced the issue of dramatically increased cost of materials for the Drake Park and Shiawassee Park restroom projects and explained why Council would be asked to approve more than what had been originally budgeted when the project was begun. The design of the bathrooms has been defined and is accounted for in this request, whereas the initial budgeted item was requested before actual design. He noted that these restrooms would be a large impact project to show people what their millage dollars are going for.

LaRussa asked about waiting for more bidder competition to drive down cost, and Murphy said that so many companies are extremely busy with no lull in construction, and that the City would be better off getting it done now. The one bid came in three weeks ago. Murphy said that prices were locked in and that there was a contingency built in. Discussion followed on funding available now that COVID funds had been received to cover other costs.

6. DISCUSSION ON IT EQUIPMENT

Preliminary to considering an item in the Regular meeting, Farmington Hills IT Manager Jack Li answered questions about IT improvements needed at both City Hall and the DPW building. The switches that need to be replaced are so old that they are not supported any longer and cannot be repaired. The manufacturer recommended a 5-7 year lifespan for the equipment, and replacement has been dragged out too long. In response to a question by LaRussa, Li said that additional wireless points needed for exterior public access could be included later, if requested.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Murphy spoke of an attempt by Farmington Hills to build a coalition of communities to address a deer problem. He asked for discussion at a later meeting.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

9. COUNCIL COMMENT

LaRussa asked Murphy whether a formal complaint had been submitted to DTE by the City. Murphy responded that he had not made a complaint, nor had he heard of a formal complaint submitted. LaRussa asked that any information concerning any progress in this be included in the weekly City Manager's Report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Joe LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem

Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: September 20, 2021