



Special/Study Session Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, March 20, 2017 6 p.m.
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on March 20, 2017, 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 PM by Mayor William Galvin.

1. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Councilmember	Present	
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Jeff Scott	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

Director Christiansen
City Clerk Halberstadt
City Manager Murphy
Attorney Schultz

2. Approval of Agenda

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bowman, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

3. Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

4. Update on Courthouse Property

Present: Dan Blugerman, Vice-President, Thomas A. Duke Company

Dan Blugerman provided an update on the courthouse property and the ongoing effort to find the right use.

Blugerman speculated as to when the school district might sell their property and whether the City should partner with them. He stated that developers want larger sites for single family homes, however, if the City wants the property sold sooner, the multi-family direction may be the way to go. There isn't much interest in senior housing at this time.

Discussion followed regarding previous offers for the property, issue of bus depot and diesel generator adjacent to the property and a collaborative RFP with the schools.

Council's preference for the courthouse property is residential, single family homes, not apartments.

Bowman isn't opposed to a senior housing development, but believes owner-occupied housing is the best for the site.

Cowley believes there is a traffic problem already in the area and adding apartments will only make it worse.

Galvin proposed keeping property on the market without a listing price.

Responding to a question from Blugerman, Galvin stated that a single family project with a connector to the school property would be ideal. However, if that is not workable, a single family project on the 3-acre Courthouse site is fine with owner-occupied duplexes as a backup plan.

Blugerman wondered if the school district would enter into an agreement with the City for right of first refusal on the bus depot property.

Discussion followed regarding the school district's timeline for selling property.

Motion to direct City Administration to work with Farmington Public Schools in developing a Request for Proposal (RFP); leave the courthouse property on the market; and direct City Administration to make the determination of when RFP's are brought to Council.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Bowman, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

5. Other Business

No other business was heard.

6. Council Comment

No council comment was heard.

7. Adjournment

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Scott, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Cowley, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

William E. Galvin, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: April 17, 2017