



Special Council Meeting  
6:00 p.m., Monday, June 7, 2021  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

## FINAL

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on June 7, 2021, as a Virtual Meeting via Zoom, an electronic meeting platform. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976 and electronically as authorized under the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261, et seq., as amended by HB 1108, in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to vulnerable Michiganders by limiting in-person contact and the number of people interacting at public gatherings.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Sara Bowman.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Sara Bowman	Mayor	Present	
David DeLind	Councilmember	Present	
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.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	DeLind, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

**4. DISCUSSION: GOVERNOR WARNER MANSION RFQ**

City Manager Murphy summarized the City's ownership of the Governor Warner Mansion as a public asset. City Council had previously requested that administration investigate any options available to the City for the use of the Governor Warner Mansion. Earlier this year, the City Manager's office put out a request for qualifications and received two responses, both came back much higher than anticipated. Murphy outlined a plan to engage the City Engineers at OHM to help find options for use and presented a Memo of Understanding that explained the scope of work, projecting a four-month time frame. OHM offered to do as much of the work as possible under the engineering retainer but will need to invoice for some aspects such as public visioning sessions and surveys.

Discussion included resident education, processes for gathering public opinion, and need for future planning for the space and building. Council requested to be sent the previous assessment done by OHM listing out specific work necessary for upkeep of the building and grounds and inquired about examining the RFQs recently submitted to the City Manager.

**Move to engage OHM to help the City explore all options and the best way to utilize the Mansion and grounds, not to exceed \$10,000.\*\***

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	DeLind, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Bowman, DeLind

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was heard.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

**7. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Schneemann commented on the recent meeting held jointly with Farmington Hills City Council about consideration to approve a Metro Act Permit granting SiFi networks utilization of public rights-of-way for the establishment of a city-wide fiber optic network system. He noted that he had to leave before the vote but that he had taken in all the information even though it was given to Councils without much time to look at. He felt it was important that City Administration

and legal counsel do everything in their power to protect Farmington residents from liabilities due to lines being buried so shallowly.

Taylor said that the research the City is doing for the Mansion is something the Council had talked about for a while and is a good investment in the Mansion to make sure that it's future is secure long-term. She assured listeners that Council is not looking to sell or destroy the Mansion but is looking for ways to make it better and use it in the best possible way.

DeLind thanked volunteers that came out to help this weekend on Art on the Grand, the Grove Street Block Party, the Film Festival, and the Farmers Market. He noted that event after event went off seamlessly due to everyone who put in time and effort to get our city back to normal.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Taylor, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	DeLind, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor

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Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: June 21, 2021