



Special Council Meeting
6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on May 17, 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
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz
Director Weber

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

Eric Helzer of Advanced Redevelopment Solutions and Austin Downie of OHM were present for a priority-setting discussion prior to the planned meeting with Robertson Brothers LLC on May 24, 2023. This meeting was held to review the scope of the municipal requests and to weight each item before meeting with developers.

Discussion topics included future EGLE funding, TIFF capture uses, costs for requested public amenities, city costs versus developer costs, funding available, and detailed prioritization of four identified priorities (the planned Pedestrian Promenade, Art Park, road reconstruction, and adjacent church parking lot reconstruction). Cost for burying utility lines on Thomas Street was also discussed and prioritized.

When asked if the plan discussed should be presented to Robertson Brothers in preparation for next week's meeting, most of the Council agreed with LaRussa the dissenting voice. Administration was directed to approach Robertson Brothers with the priorities designated and to go to DTE to ask for a more detailed analysis and report on cost to bury the lines.

The Robertson Brothers Planned Unit Development (PUD) will likely go before Council at the May 24, 2023 Special meeting, and will require an extension of the current deadline.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

City Attorney Schultz noted that a new date, July 24, should be indicated for Robertson Brothers to have all plans ready.

6. COUNCIL COMMENT

Taylor wanted to discuss options for one of the two houses that are scheduled to be demolished for an art park in the current project plan. She stated that there would be a massive public outcry that if the house was torn down. She proposed offering the house for sale with the intent to move it to the recently acquired property adjacent to the Warner Mansion. After Taylor handed out a suggested plan, Council discussed the idea and concluded that the viability of the idea should be researched, but that it should not delay the project.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: June 19, 2023