



Special City Council Meeting  
6:00 p.m., Monday, March 18, 2019  
Conference Room  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335

**FINAL**

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on March 18, 2019, in Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, MI. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Sara Bowman.

### 1. ROLL CALL

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

#### **City Administration Present**

City Clerk Mullison  
City Manager Murphy  
City Attorney Saarela  
City Treasurer Weber

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

### 4. NEW WIRELESS ANTENNA ORDINANCE

Lisa Anderson of Rosati Schultz Joppich & Amtsbuechler, PC introduced the need for amendments and additions to existing ordinances in order to meet FCC guidelines. It establishes a permitting process for small cell wireless facilities and allows Council to have some local control and set some aesthetic requirements.

LaRussa asked Anderson about definitions and classifications within the ordinance and suggested changes to wording. He was concerned about tree trimming standards and Anderson suggested that modifications to the requirements could be made later. Questions about bonds to be posted and TIF district standards were answered and elaborated on. LaRussa suggested that the DDA Design Committee should get to work in giving feedback before the April 14<sup>th</sup> deadline.

In response to a question from Taylor, Anderson explained that the standards would directly affect residents by putting some limits and standards on where towers can be installed and how they will look.

Galvin inquired about definitions used in the ordinance and Anderson gave him some detail about size and scope. In response to a question about the "shot clock" timeframe, Anderson explained the range in which approvals and permits must be issued.

Bowman asked about other communities and how they are handling these changes and deadlines. She spoke about the City's best interests and stated what protections this ordinance would allow the City.

Anderson suggested that Council look at several height differentials that had been pointed out in correspondence from City Attorney Tom Schultz and make some distinctions in what they want. The sidewalks and street ordinance changes on the companion agenda item in the regular meeting will go with the wireless antenna ordinance and include permitting and standards.

## **5. DISCUSSION ON AUDIT RFP RESULTS FOR YEAR 2019 - 2021**

City Treasurer Weber presented the results from a joint RFP between the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills for a firm to provide general audit services. Six firms submitted a response and Plante & Moran and Yeo & Yeo were selected to go forward in an interview process.

Discussion ensued about the qualities of each firm as spelled out in a summary sheet that was distributed to Council. Galvin reminded Council that the City is a relationship-driven community and Plante & Moran should have been asked to review their services and present their offer without going outside to make a search. He has confidence that Plante & Moran know our people and how our financial structure works. Taylor asked why the RFP was done, and what was the difference in price from last year. She expressed support of the judgement of staff. LaRussa asked who was auditor before last 5 year agreement and was informed that it was Plante & Moran. He expressed support of retaining Plante & Moran. Bowman thanked Weber and spoke about how important institutional knowledge is in finances. She also supports Plante & Moran.

Bowman suggested Council add approval of Plante & Moran as the City's auditors to the agenda of the March 18, 2019 regular meeting.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was heard.

**7. COUNCIL COMMENT**

No council comment was heard.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**Move to adjourn the meeting.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor Pro Tem

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Mary J. Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: April 15, 2019