



Special City Council Meeting
6:00 PM, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017
Conference Room
Farmington City Hall
23600 Liberty St
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on February 21, 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. CALL TO ORDER

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
- Assistant to the City Manager Knowles
- City Manager Murphy
- Attorney Schultz
- Attorney Johnson
- Treasurer Weber

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as amended, adding "Discuss Ordinance Amendment for Outdoor Seating" as Item No. 5 and move remaining items down one.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Scott

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

City Attorney Schultz introduced Attorney Chris Johnson who will substitute for him in the regular meeting.

4. SECOND READING OF THE ORDINANCE RELATING TO SPECIAL EVENTS AND MOBILE FOOD VENDING

Murphy advised the second reading of the ordinance incorporates suggested changes made by Council during the first reading. He confirmed that consideration to adopt the ordinance is on the regular meeting agenda.

Responding to a question from Bowman regarding Section 4-196, Murphy confirmed that he would approve mobile food vending events that are not part of a larger special event if the number of participants is less than 150.

Responding to an additional question by Bowman, Murphy answered that the \$150 fee per event covers administrative and public safety costs.

Responding to an additional question from Bowman, Schultz explained that the 150 ft. restriction outlined in Sec. 4-198, (e)(12), does not apply if the food truck is part of a special event.

Scott confirmed the "no event shall exceed 12 hours" provision would not impact a weekend event such as Relay for Life.

Schneemann expressed his hope that the ordinance will address all the concerns that have been expressed regarding mobile food vending.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Murphy stated that the ordinance, once approved, would be enforceable upon publication.

5. DISCUSS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR OUTDOOR SEATING

Schultz stated there is a provision in the ordinance that allows the building official the ability to extend the calendar for outdoor seating in public areas similar to what is done for private property.

Christiansen commented that the city has a history of granting extensions to businesses for outdoor seating.

Bowman noted the ordinance is in place to ensure that fencing and tables are not up during inclement weather. However, she believes the city needs to remain flexible in allowing businesses the ability to expand service to customers.

Scott stated he had no issues as long as it is handled properly.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Schultz stated that because Cowley is the one who brought this issue forward, he should recuse himself when this item is brought up for Council consideration in the regular meeting.

Discussion followed regarding referral of the outdoor seating ordinance to the Planning Commission for review and consideration of an amendment.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

7. COUNCIL COMMENT

No Council comment was heard.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Move to enter closed session to discuss land acquisition.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

Roll Call: Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott, Bowman.

Council entered closed session at 6:16 p.m.

Move to exit closed session.

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

Council exited closed session at 6:40 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

William E. Galvin, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: March 20, 2017