



**Special Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, May 17, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on May 17, 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 6:01 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

Director Christiansen
City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Schultz

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as amended, removing the first public comment item.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	DeLind, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember
AYES:	Taylor, Bowman, DeLind, LaRussa, Schneemann

3. DISCUSSION: FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE

Taylor pointed out that elements of the Food Truck Ordinance are complicated and overly restrictive as they now stand. She said that she would like to make ordinance compliance simpler and more user friendly from the food truck side. Citing that Northville allows food trucks in their downtown, she suggested that more would appear at downtown Farmington events if the ordinance compliance was simpler. She requested that the City Attorney rewrite the ordinance in several iterations that would make food trucks easier to have in the downtown area.

Bowman said that Northville doesn't actually allow any food trucks in their downtown. She noted that a special event application is available in Farmington to have food trucks within downtown, as long as they are tied to another event. She reported what other cities in the area do in regards for food trucks and also went over decisions and approvals that a previous Council went through in order to come up with the existing ordinance. When asked by Bowman what she would specifically like to have added, Taylor responded that she believed the insurance requirements were too high, that there is a burden put on food truck owners, and she wanted to make the process easier and simpler than it is now.

Discussion ensued. LaRussa requested a review of the current ordinance, Schneemann asked that the DDA be included in any future deliberations, and Bowman directed Schultz to disseminate to Council information and versions of ordinances that had been considered when the current food truck ordinance was put in place.

4. DISCUSSION: MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

Council examined current Zoning Ordinance requirements related to mechanical equipment for non-residential properties in the City. This discussion was initiated because a concern was expressed with respect to the existing rooftop mechanical equipment for Cottage Inn at 33216 Grand River Avenue. Schneemann indicated that he would like Farmington to require that a building be required to meet all current codes when it changes hands.

Director Christiansen spoke about the present Zoning Ordinance and Council discussed having the issue come before the Planning Commission for review.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

8. COUNCIL COMMENT

No Council comment was heard

9. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: June 21, 2021