



Special Council Meeting  
6:00 p.m., Monday, September 28, 2020  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

## FINAL

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on September 28, 2020, 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 by Executive Order 2020-129 signed by Governor Whitmer on June 18, 2020, 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	Absent	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

#### City Administration Present

Superintendent Eudy  
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

### 3. WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT AT FLORAL AND NINE MILE ROAD

City Manager Murphy explained that firm numbers need to be generated for this project and asked to extend the motion from the last meeting in order to replace the main if there is a water break over the coming week. Matt Parks of OHM said a cost estimate based on assumptions was put together, but it was determined that it would be beneficial to obtain three quotes for the work. OHM did research on 9 Mile and found that it was a composite section of road. They reached out to RCOC as well as MDOT and figured out what advanced notice signage would be necessary. Parks reported that RCOC has the suggested detour already in their possession. Progress has been made and a plan will be in good shape by next week to present at the Council meeting on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Eudy noted that state and county employees seem to be working remotely at this time, making it slower to get the answers that are needed. Crews in the field are assessing the site. He noted that the water main was leaking again currently and that it was time to replace it.

Bowman asked how an emergency situation would affect a detour, notifications to residents, and residents that might be without water. Eudy explained the process involved in notifying residents, and said that it was a priority to keep everybody in water as much as possible. Crews will be on site to cut and cap the water main and establish a temporary water service for the one resident who would be affected on Nine Mile Road. He indicated that the road closure and work might slightly impact some businesses on Grand River. In the event of a break, the DPW crew will establish barricading as much as possible at the time.

**Move to approve water main replacement funding, preemptively, in case of an emergency situation in the forefront of our meeting next week, not to exceed \$300,000.**

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

### 4. CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE 2021 URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

Murphy reminded Council that the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program includes a tree inventory study under Sidewalks and Streetscapes for the year ended June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$10,000. A tree inventory identifies sick trees that might cause damage to people and property, determines the type and location of trees to plant to ensure proper health and diversity, improves the efficiency and effectiveness of maintenance plans, shows the benefits of our urban forest, and improves the City's ability to receive future tree grants.

The total cost of the project is anticipated to be approximately \$14,500. The grant would provide \$7,250. The remaining \$7,250 would be drawn from fund balance in the Capital Improvement Millage Fund.

Murphy said that the tree inventory is not budgeted for this year, but the City could utilize part of the Capital Improvement fund to get the project done, fulfilling an item that has been on the Council's work plan for quite some time. He also noted that the Grant application deadline is Sept 30.

LaRussa asked about the scope of work in the right of way and Murphy explained that trees inventoried would be in the utility easements as well as on the roadsides. In response to another question, Murphy said the grant timeline would align with the proposal timeline.

Taylor indicated that she was glad to see this topic on the agenda. She stated that trees are City infrastructure but might not always be thought of on a replacement plan as might be done for water and sewer.

Bowman thanked administration for the effort involved to get to the previously prioritized items even in this crazy, trying time.

**Move to authorize Administration to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the 2021 Urban and Community Forestry Program.\*\***

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

## 5. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

## 7. COUNCIL COMMENT

LaRussa asked about whether in-person Council meetings might be possible in light of the new executive orders. Murphy said that the City Attorney will review and advise on that topic. Discussion ensued about safely and correctly holding an open meeting, either via Zoom, in-person, or a hybrid version.

**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: October 19, 2020

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