



Special Council Meeting  
6:30 p.m., Monday, June 29, 2020  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

## FINAL

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on June 29, 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 2020-48 signed by Governor Whitmer on April 14, 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 6:30 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

City Clerk Mullison  
City Manager Murphy  
City Attorney Schultz

#### 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. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY FOR ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARD SERVICES

City Clerk Mullison requested approval of an agreement to allow Oakland County to assist the City in the conduct of its elections by providing Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) Services, utilizing high speed scanners to process the high number of absent voter ballots that she anticipates will be cast in this election. This service will be at no cost to the City. Other advantages to this agreement would be that workers usually assigned to the local AVCB can be reassigned to in-person polling places on Election Day, filling vacancies created by a smaller pool of volunteers available during a pandemic. By having Oakland County provide this service, the City will see the cost of the August Primary election go down by approximately \$1300.

Bowman thanked Mullison for pulling the request together so quickly. LaRussa called the agreement a win-win all around and asked about the process and security of allowing Oakland County to take custody of Farmington's AV ballots. Mullison explained that the process will remain much the same, but that the ballots will travel a few more miles to be tabulated. The ballots will still be packed in sealed ballot bags for the trip and all ballots will be processed and tabulated as usual, but on equipment better suited to the volume of ballots expected.

**Move to approve the draft Agreement for Election Services between Oakland County and the City of Farmington, subject to final review and minor/non-substantive amendments by the City Manager and City Attorney.\*\***

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

### 4. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 BROWNFIELD BUDGET

City Manager Murphy sought an amendment to the 2019-20 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority budget. At the March 19, 2020 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board Meeting, the Brownfield 2019-20 Budget was amended, increasing expenditures \$20,100. This increase is to fund environmental expenditures related to the Maxfield Training Center. The Amendment increases expenditures from \$3,000 to \$23,100.

LaRussa asked whether this will mean that there will be a deficit in the Brownfield fund, an Murphy explained that there was sufficient fund balance to dip into for this amendment to the budget.

Schultz announced that the closing for the purchase of the Maxfield property had been completed and that the City was now the owner of the MTC.

**Move to adopt resolution amending Fiscal Year 2019-20 Brownfield Budget to increase overall appropriation by \$20,100.\*\***

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

## 5. OTHER BUSINESS

Bowman announced that, though previously planned as an in-person meeting, the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be via Zoom. She also noted that the Greater Farmington Chamber of Commerce had recently relinquished control of the Founders Festival completely, explaining the timeline of the decision. She assured the community that the Council does not wish to let the Festival fall by the wayside and indicated that she will be meeting with City administration in the near future to discuss possible ways to keep the Festival going. Bowman stated that this is a high priority to us as a city.

Brian Golden presented a video about the growth of the Farmers Market in the current pandemic situation.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment 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>	DeLind, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

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Sara Bowman, Mayor

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Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: July 20, 2020

**\*\***To view approved documents, please see the Agenda Packet link that is relevant to this meeting at <http://farmgov.com/City-Services/Government/Agendas-and-Minutes/City-Council.aspx> or contact the City Clerk.