



City Council Meeting
6:30 p.m., Thursday, February 15, 2024
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
DISCUSSION OF THE GOVERNOR WARNER MANSION

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on February 15, 2024, at 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 6:30 PM by Mayor LaRussa.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Johnna Balk	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor	Present	
Kevin Parkins	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

City Manager David Murphy
City Treasurer-Finance Director Chris Weber
City Clerk Meaghan Bachman

2. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public spoke.

4. Discussion: Governor Warner Mansion

The purpose of this meeting was to hold a discussion regarding the Governor Warner Mansion and the future use of the property. The overall general thoughts included plans that should go beyond just repairing and would include the south addition that would need to be stabilized. It was also agreed that Council would like to preserve the mansion’s authenticity and find a sustainable source of revenue for maintenance. City Council discussed a variety of ideas for the use of the property.

For the future use of the mansion, ideas would include utilizing the space for community use and for private events. It was further noted the grounds shall always be available for public use. In addition, the future use should include the carriage house as a functional and useful space. With the future use, it was discussed the space should be programmed with community feedback included and the historic elements should be included with the space.

City Council discussed design ideas. An outdoor gathering space would need solid ground other than grass or turf. Modern restrooms should be included to accommodate larger gatherings. It would be ideal to include space to provide food preparation, but not necessarily cooking service, and a service area for alcoholic beverages. A proper connection from the former church property to the grounds should be included in the design. It was discussed that the existing gazebo should be designed for better use.

In closing, Mayor LaRussa noted a few action items that include, obtaining a liquor license, City Council to take a tour of the Warner Mansion, obtain a conceptual design of the church and mansion properties that would host events up to 150 attendees.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BANKRUPTCY REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR ENDO INTERNATIONAL AND FUTURE OPIOID SETTLEMENTS AND REORGANIZATION PLANS

City Manager David Murphy presented council with a resolution to authorize the City Manager to take the necessary actions to accept additional opioid settlement funds and to accept plans of reorganization of companies that filed for bankruptcy protection from opioid litigation claims, as long as the City Attorney reviews the terms and does not have any concerns with the plan.

Move to approve the resolution accepting Bankruptcy Reorganization Plan for Endo International and authorizing the City Manager to accept Future Opioid Settlements and Reorganization Plans.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Parkins, Councilmember

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kim Shay, resident at 23606 Wesley spoke regarding the discussion on the Governor Warner Mansion.

Scott Freeman, resident on Oakland Street spoke regarding the Governor Warner Mansion.

7. COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Mayor thanked all for the input on the Governor Warner Mansion project.

Councilmember Steve Schneemann suggested a budget plan is discussed for the future use of the Mansion.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk

Approval Date: March 18, 2024