



Special City Council Meeting
6:00 PM, FEBRUARY 15, 2016
Conference Room
Farmington City Hall
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A Special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, February 15, 2016 in the Conference Room, Farmington City Hall, 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 6:00 p.m. by Mayor William Galvin.

1. ROLL CALL

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 Manager Murphy
Clerk Halberstadt
City Attorney Saarela

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lauren Underwood, 28109 Quail Hollow, spoke in support of keeping the Farmers Market on Saturday in its current location. She believes Farmington has achieved something special with the Saturday Market. She stated it is a vital and vibrant part of the community.

Charlie Copeland, 32190 Belvine Trail, Beverly Hills, a vendor of fruits and vegetables at the Saturday Farmer's Market, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the market. He asked for continued support of the Farmer's Market and the uniqueness of its products.

Kathy Fusilier, 16400 Herman Road, Manchester, co-owner of Fusilier Family Farms and Greenhouse, stated she has been a vendor at the Farmers Market for twenty years. She expressed her appreciation for being allowed to participate in the market. She remarked on the friendships formed with other vendors and the uniqueness of the market. She stated she would like some sense of stability on the viability of the market and would like to continue her working relationship with the community.

Scott Robertello, 4245 Rogers Highway, Britton, stated he is co-owner of the Kapnick Orchards and longtime vendor at the Farmington Farmer's Market. He indicated the Orchards has a strong bond with the Farmington Market. He stated they have made a strong commitment to the City of Farmington to maintain a presence at the Farmer's Market, as well as embarking on the Tuesday evening market as well. He stated there is strong competition with other grocery stores or markets, but noted making a direct connection to the consumers is important to them. He indicated the Farmer's Market is a jewel of the City and believes the surrounding businesses benefit as a result of more customers in the downtown area.

4. BOARD & COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

A. Consideration to Appoint Suzanne Paul to the Farmington Community Library Board of Directors.

Councilperson Bowman recused herself from participating in this agenda item given Suzanne Paul is her mother.

Motion to recuse Bowman from participating on this agenda item.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 - 0]
MOVER:	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

Council interviewed Suzanne Paul for a position on the Farmington Community Library Board of Directors.

Motion to appoint Suzanne Paul to the Farmington Community Library Board of Directors to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2016.

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 - 0]
MOVER:	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

Mayor Galvin welcomed Suzanne Paul to the Library Board.

5. INTRODUCTION AND REVIEW OF CONTRACT – GOVERNOR WARNER MANSION DIRECTOR

Clerk Halberstadt introduced Kim Shay and provided background on her education and experience for the job.

Ms. Shay discussed her qualifications, having volunteered at the Mansion since 2009 in various capacities. She stated the Mansion is both a great social and museum organization, equally important in community based relations. She cited her experience at Wayne State University putting together exhibits. She received her Master's Degree from in Anthropology and has been accepted into the Ph.D. program. She also indicated she volunteers at the Holocaust Memorial Center.

The floor was opened up for questions from Council.

Schneemann stated he had previously spoken to Ms. Shay and had indicated to her that he felt the Warner Mansion is an incredibly valuable resource in the community, but still somewhat underutilized. He then spoke about the importance of the Mansion being self-sustaining from a financial perspective. He encouraged Shay to pursue opportunities to bring in revenue and the like. He stated he was thankful to have someone at the helm of the Mansion dedicated to its oversight.

Shay spoke of how grants could play a major role in the sustainability of the Mansion and delineated the steps she would take in making the Mansion a qualified candidate for them.

Cowley commented on Shay's areas of study and stated he felt she had good leadership qualities and welcomed her talents.

Bowman stated she was extraordinarily impressed with the diverse nature of Shay's talents. She liked the ideas expressed by the candidate and her passion for the Mansion.

Mayor Galvin thanked Shay and looked forward to introducing her to the community.

6. DISCUSSION – TUESDAY FARMINGTON FARMER’S & ARTISANS MARKET

Present: Walt Gajewski, Director of the Farmers Market

Galvin asked that the discussion be limited to the *Tuesday* Farmer’s Market only.

Gajewski provided a handout on the metrics of the Tuesday Market. He provided the data from the Tuesday market last year. He stated expenses outweighed revenues by approximately \$700, mostly due to some marketing and entertainment expenses.

Gajewski stated he is asking Council to again approve the midweek Farmer’s Market for the 2016 calendar year.

The floor was opened for questions from Council.

Bowman stated she liked the Tuesday Market, but had concerns about its financial stability.

Scott asked if the footprint will remain within guidelines of the PUD agreement and Gajewski responded yes. Galvin asked Attorney Saarela to look into that and report back to Council.

Cowley stated he had every confidence that the market would grow and would love to see the Tuesdays continue.

Galvin stated he is on the fence about this issue and indicated the reasons why.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

8. COUNCIL COMMENT

Galvin stated that he would like to amend the regular Council meeting agenda to add Item 6 (b) introduction of Mr. Van Overloop, Fresh Thyme representative.

9. ADJOURNMENT

1. Motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

William E. Galvin, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: March 21, 2016