 **Special City Council Meeting**

**6:00 p.m., July 21, 2025**

**Conference Room**

**23600 Liberty Street**

**Farmington, MI 48335**

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**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on July 21, 2025, 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 6:03 PM by Mayor Pro-Tem Balk

**1. ROLL CALL**

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| **Attendee Name** | **Title** | **Status** | **Arrived** |
| Johnna Balk | Mayor Pro-Tem | Present |  |
| Joe LaRussa | Mayor | Excused |  |
| Kevin Parkins | Councilmember | Late | 6:49 PM |
| Steve Schneemann | Councilmember | Present |  |
| Maria Taylor | Councilmember | Present |  |

**City Administration Present:**

City Manager, David Murphy

Assistant City Manager, Chris Weber

City Clerk, Meaghan Bachman

City Attorney, Beth Saarela

**2. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Motion by Schneemann

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 3-0

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public spoke.

**4. BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE INTERVIEW**

The City Council interviewed Ellen Harrington for an open position on the Beautification Committee.

Motion by Schneemann

Supported by Taylor

RESOLVED, move to appoint Ellen Harrington to the Farmington Beautification Committee for a term ending on June 30, 2028.

Motion carried unanimously 3-0

**5.**  **ALCOHOL AND GAMBLING LICENSING REVIEW**

Discussion: City Attorney Beth Saarela discussed what is required for a non-profit special event when selling alcohol.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

City Manager David Murphy requested changes to the regular council meeting agenda to include the addition of item, Petition to the Water Resource Commission for improvements to the Cadell Drain. Additionally, the City Manager asked to remove the agenda item to purchase a rapid flashing beacon. The Council discussed the Founders Day Festival and the RFP that will go out to bid soon.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**8. CLOSED SESSION: LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**

Motion by Schneemann

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to convene into closed session to discuss Labor Negotiations at 6:41 PM.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Balk, Schneemann, Taylor

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously 3-0

Motion by Schneemann

Seconded by Parkins

RESOLVED, move to reconvene to the regular city council meeting at 6:58 PM.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

**9. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Councilmember Parkins apologized for his late arrival.

Mayor Pro-Tem Balk noted Founders Day was a great weekend and thanked everyone for volunteering.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Schneemann

Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to adjourn the special meeting at 7:00 PM.

Motion carried unanimously

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Johanna Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk