



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on March 2, 2026 at 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 Clerk, Meaghan Bachman
Finance Director/Treasurer, Jaime Pohlman
DPW Superintendent, Josh Leach
City Attorney, Tom Schultz
City Engineer OHM Advisors

2. Approval of the Regular Agenda

Motion by Balk
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to approve the regular agenda as presented

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

3. Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

4. Water and Sewer Rate Discussion

At a previous council meeting, John Kaczor, Principal, Municipal Analytics, presented a comprehensive municipal water and sewer rate study discussion, recapping the December baseline model that included \$15 million in water capital improvements with \$11 million funded by debt, and \$6.5 million in sewer improvements with \$3.5 million funded by debt. The baseline scenario would require water rate increases of 7.3% per year for 10 years and sewer rate increases of 8% for four years followed by 4% increases. John analyzed multiple

scenarios including limiting rate increases to 5% per year, which would severely restrict capital investment to only \$200,000 annually for water and \$1.8 million for sewer. A more aggressive 9.7% annual increase scenario would allow \$10 million in sewer investment over 10 years and reduce water borrowing to \$10.7 million.

No action was taken; however, it was discussed that the best approach may be a phased in meter base charge of 8.5% annual increase for both water and sewer.

5. Other Business

City Manager Murphy proposed a special meeting on April 6, 2026 at 6 p.m. for board and commission interviews.

He further noted that road funding isn't placed in the budget as of now because the city hasn't received the state funds yet.

6. Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

7. Council Comment

No members of the Council spoke.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Parkins
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk