



City Council Meeting  
6:00 p.m., April 27, 2026  
23600 Liberty Street  
Farmington, MI 48335

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## FINANCIAL MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on April 27, 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 Pro Tem Balk

### 1. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Johnna Balk	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor	Excused as Late	6:20 p.m.
Kevin Parkins	Councilmember	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Excused	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

#### **City Administration Present:**

City Manager, David Murphy  
City Clerk, Meaghan Bachman  
Assistant City Manager, Chris Weber  
Treasurer/Director of Finance, Jaime Pohlman

### 2. Approval of the Regular Agenda

Motion by Schneemann  
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to approve the regular agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

### 3. Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

**4. Discussion of Finances**

City Manager David Murphy presented a comprehensive financial forecast spreadsheet showing 12 different scenarios for revenues and appropriations. The top line in blue represented the net of revenues and appropriations presented on April 7th, with various scenarios underneath showing potential impacts.

The first scenario involved using a historical 10-year taxable value increase of 5.32% instead of the previously used 3.5%, which would compound over time and provide a more realistic projection based on actual historical data.

The second scenario discussed increasing the general fund portion of the voter approved millage renewal, which would generate approximately \$750,000 over three years by shifting some mills away from capital improvement millage.

Discussion included various funding options such as voter privilege continuation at 3.0001 mills toward general fund, additional mills from general fund to voter approved millage, and leaving capital improvement fund mills at current levels rather than increasing them.

The administration presented options for mansion renovations covered apartment expenses and theater funding scenarios. There was discussion about the theater requiring approximately \$100,000 annually and projections for it to become self-sustaining by fiscal year 2027-28.

Ambulance service funding was discussed as a significant expense of \$300,000 annually, with consideration of establishing a Special Assessment District (SAD) to fund this service separately from the general fund.

The group examined various scenarios for CIA capture discontinuation and discussed the impact on fund balances, with particular attention to maintaining target fund balance percentages and bond rating considerations.

Extensive discussion occurred regarding the need to balance revenue enhancements with cost control measures, with some members advocating for examination of operational efficiencies and shared services opportunities.

The meeting concluded with consensus on maintaining certain revenue scenarios while deferring final decisions on millage renewal until the following year, with agreement to revisit the analysis annually.

**5. Other Business**

City Manager David Murphy spoke about giving city employees a floating day off in lieu of employee appreciation dinner.

**6. Public Comment**

Della Reese noted the meeting went well and was a good financial planning meeting. Her comments included observations about the need for transparency in explaining tax increases to taxpayers, appreciation for the informative nature of the meeting, feedback on employee morale and suggestions about better advertising such meetings to the public.

**7. Council Comment**

No members of the council spoke.

**8. Adjournment**

Motion by Schneemann  
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0

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Joe LaRussa, Mayor

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Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk