



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on April 20, 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 6:34 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	Excused	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present:

City Manager, David Murphy
City Clerk, Meaghan Bachman
City Attorney, Beth Saarela

2. Approval of the Regular Agenda

Motion by Balk
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to approve the regular agenda with an amendment to add a closed session for discussion of property acquisition.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

3. Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

4. Board and Commission Interviews

Council previously conducted several interviews for the Beautification Commission, Historical Commission, and Commission on Children, Youth and Families. The following motions were made:

Motion by Taylor
Seconded by Balk

Resolved, move to appoint Annalee Voigtman to the Beautification Commission with a term to expire on June 30, 2029.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to appoint Eriana DeKalita-Mull to the Beautification Commission with a partial term to expire on June 30, 2027.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

Motion by Balk
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to appoint Danielle Mahoney to the Historical Commission with a term to expire on March 31, 2029.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

Council discussed the option to add more alternate members to commissions. Currently there are more interested candidates than positions available. This will be reviewed by the City Attorney and brought back to Council.

5. Other Business

City Manager David Murphy reminded council the 2026/27 proposed budget was sent out and to contact him with any questions.

6. Public Comment

No public comment was heard.

7. Council Comment

The Mayor inquired about exposed cables from SIFI and directed the task of looking into the cable issue on Lakeway. Mayor LaRussa invited council and administration to the SEMCOG meeting on May 7th for a tour of the new Ralph C. Wilson Park in Detroit.

Closed Session

Motion by Balk
Supported by Taylor

Resolved, to convene into closed session for the purpose of property acquisition discussion.

Roll Call Vote:
Yeas: Balk, LaRussa, Parkins, Taylor
Nays: None
Motion carried unanimously 4-0

Reconvene Into Regular Meeting

Motion by Parkins
Supported by Taylor

Resolved, to reconvene into the regular city council meeting.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

8. Adjournment

Motion by Schneemann
Seconded by Taylor

Resolved, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk