



City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, March 18, 2024
Conference Room
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on March 18, 2024, 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 6:01 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
City Attorney Beth Saarela

2. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public spoke.

4. DTE ENERGY UPDATE

Jennifer Whitteaker, Governmental Affairs Liaison for DTE Energy, along with Tony the Manager of the Engineering and Planning Team and Brian the Director of Southwest Operations. Brian discussed the vision of building a grid for the future and to strengthen the grid. Tony presented a four-point plan to Council and noted the points:

- Tree trimming – all of Farmington’s 44 miles of trees have been trimmed.
- Pole top maintenance – on a 10-year cycle (inspection) and 5-year (pole top and replacement) schedule. Farmington is at 82% on 10-year pole top maintenance cycle and 9% is on the 5-year cycle.
- Accelerating conversion of old 4.8 kV (kilo-Volt) system. Farmington has a few circuits 1,2,3,4 are all 4.8 circuits. This is a long-term plan to convert to 13.2 kV which consists of rebuilding the substations.
- Automation – DTE would like to be fully automated within the next 5-6 years. This would detect the loss of voltage and would restore the power quicker. About 20% of Farmington circuits will be completed at the end of 2024.

City Council proposed several questions to DTE and had a discussion on current work within the city and plans for the future.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

City Manager proposed a date and time to Council to attend the tour of the Zekelman Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No members of the public spoke.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Schneemann asked about the proposed amendment to the Rental Ordinance and when Council should expect a revision.

Mayor Pro-Tem Balk updated Council regarding an ongoing public sidewalk concern in Riverwalk.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Balk, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Joe LaRussa, Mayor

Meaghan K. Bachman, City Clerk

Approval Date: April 15, 2024