



Special Council Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday, May 2, 2022
Council Chambers
23600 Liberty Street
Farmington, MI 48335

FINAL

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on May 2, 2022 in Farmington City Hall, Farmington, MI. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Sara Bowman.

1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Johnna Balk	Councilmember	Present	
Sara Bowman	Mayor	Present	
Joe LaRussa	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Councilmember	Present	
Maria Taylor	Councilmember	Present	

City Administration Present

City Clerk Mullison
City Manager Murphy
City Attorney Saarela

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the agenda as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS PRESENTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Balk, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

4. FARMINGTON FARMERS MARKET MANAGER CONTRACT

Council discussed details about the current contract with Walt Gajewski to operate the Farmington Farmers and Artisans Market and discussed renewing it until October 2025 with the following changes: a three year duration and an additional incentive split for any net profit over \$10,000.

LaRussa asked that the language of the contract be cleaned up, and Schneemann asked what the usual profit of the market would be in a year.

Mayor Bowman called a recess at 6:11 pm, and the meeting resumed at 6:13 pm.

Director Weber was consulted via phone about Schneemann's question, explaining how bonuses are calculated over two fiscal years as they are paid over a calendar year, and that the manager's profits average out.

Move to approve the contract of the Market Manager as discussed.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Taylor, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Balk, Councilmember
AYES:	Balk, Bowman, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor

5. FARMINGTON CIVIC THEATER MANAGER CONTRACT

Scott Freeman's contract as General Manager of the Civic Theater was discussed. Changes in the new contract include a three-year duration, a retroactive salary adjustment to April 1, 2022, a \$3000 signing bonus, and would exclude any incentive split that was in the last agreement.

Council thanked Freeman for all of the good work he has done and for his leadership at the Theater.

Move to approve Civic Theater General Manager Agreement as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	LaRussa, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Schneemann, Councilmember
AYES:	Bowman, LaRussa, Schneemann, Taylor, Balk

6. OTHER BUSINESS

The City Manager asked for a meeting later this week to discuss possible property acquisition. It was decided to add an extra closed session on this evening's Regular Meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

8. COUNCIL COMMENT

No Council comment was heard.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Move to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Schneemann, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Taylor, Councilmember

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Sara Bowman, Mayor

Mary Mullison, City Clerk

Approval Date: May 16, 2022