

City of Farmington
City Council Special Work Session Minutes
Monday, September 18, 2023

The City Council met in a Special Work Session on Monday, September 18, 2023, at Farmington City Hall, 430 3rd Street, Farmington, Minnesota.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hoyt called the Special Work Session to order at 6:17 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Joshua Hoyt
Councilmembers Holly Bernatz, Nick Lien, Katie Porter,
and Steve Wilson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lynn Gorski, City Administrator
Julie Flaten, Asst City Administrator/HR Director
Deanna Kuennen, Community Development Director
Kellee Omlid, Parks & Recreation Director
Tony Wippler, Planning Manager
Gary Rutherford, Police Chief
John Powell, Public Works Director
Shirley Buecksler, City Clerk

2. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilmember Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the agenda, as presented.

Motion carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Comprehensive Plan Update

Director Kuennen, Director Powell, and Planning Manager Wippler presented.

Staff and the consultants continue to refine the Guiding Principles and Policies that will form the foundation of the comprehensive plan update. These guiding principles and policies will shape the land use and infrastructure planning and decision making that will help accomplish the city and community vision and overall growth goals. At the Tuesday, September 12, Planning Commission meeting, Staff and the consultant presented the draft principles for discussion purposes. While these are being finalized, the land use and infrastructure planning has started.

Council asked questions and received answers. A draft of the Vision and Guiding Principles was included in the Council's packet.

4. COUNCIL COMMITTEE UPDATE

- The Air Lake Advisory Committee will be hosting an employment day to teach students about careers in the industry.
- The Fire Relief Association meeting was very productive.
- Changes to Dew Days Committee – members will assume board positions, rather than a government body overseeing the committee and investors. Upcoming committee meeting to discuss solvency, revisions to bylaws, appointments, and resignations. This change will put it in the hands of the Dew Days Committee and the Ambassadors. From the outside, you won't see any change. From the inside, there will be one less form of government. No change to funding; funds will be there for Dew Days use.

5. CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

- Conversation continues with the School District regarding School Resource Officers (SROs)
 - Chief Rutherford would prefer not to pull SROs in the short-term.
 - Staff are keeping an eye on the new changes and will keep Council informed.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Wilson and seconded by Councilmember Lien to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Motion carried: 5 ayes / 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley R. Buecksler
City Clerk