



Council Chambers

Special Meeting

6:00PM

Joint Meeting for the City Council and Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

257 W MONROE ST BANGOR, MI 49013

1. **This meeting was called to order by Mayor Farmer at 6:02 pm.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS LED BY COUNCILMEMBER DOROH AND RECITED BY ALL PRESENT**
3. **ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	
		Present	Absent
Lynne Farmer	Mayor	X	
Pati Martinez-Serratos	Mayor Pro Tem	X	
Heléne Rivers	Councilmember		X
Jeremy Uplinger	Councilmember		X
Renee Doroh	Councilmember	X	
Amber Garcia	Councilmember	X*	
Darla McCrumb	Councilmember	X	
QUORUM (4) MET (5 PRESENT); *ARRIVED AT 6:11PM			

OTHERS PRESENT

Justin Weber, City Manager
 Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk
 DDA Board Members & Director

4. **AUTHORIZATION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER(S) FROM THE MEETING**
None
5. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL AGENDA**

Motion to accept Special Meeting 03/17/26 Agenda as presented.	
RESULT:	CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Renee Doroh, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Darla McCrumb, Councilmember

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

JOINT MEETING ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

a. City Council

i. City Goals

Façade grant from DDA to refurbished the fronts of downtown businesses; financial decisions on what grant amounts will be for at the next DDA meeting. A façade grant would help inspire occupant/owner's to stay in the downtown.

Discussion about parks being the key to new business. DDA has parks in the DDA TIF in the development plan. There has been ideas presented that it would be nice to use Don Mora Park a park with a path for walking, trees, family picnic area and stage. The fields at the schools could be used for those looking for a field for sports events; Brief discussion that there needs to be a plan for marketing to new businesses as well as retention for the current

businesses, DDA Director Harvey points out that the development plan has information about strategies for marketing and retention.

Discussion about the benefits of a social district in the downtown, this is a mechanism for community draw in with these. DDA Director Harvey mentioned that the concept and boundaries is decided by the City Council. MDOT would need to be involved because of M-43.

DDA Board Member Sprietzer mentioned that a Sunday market will be coming to the community this summer.

Apple Festival used to be a big draw for the community. A new committee with sub-committees and volunteers will need to be formed. The DPW, Police, and Fire would very much be involved in any community event.

Discussion about sidewalks in the DDA TIF. The DDA has recently paid 50% of a sidewalk repair in the TIF. More sidewalks in the TIF need to be fixed and/or replaced.

First step is better communication between the City Council and DDA. And encouragement for other board members to also attend the DDA meetings. The challenges are finding business owners to get involved with the DDA board.

ii. **Entity Oversight Policy 2026-96**

This policy was adopted by City Council at the 03/16/26 Regular meeting. City Manager Weber reviewed the policy: The City Council has oversight over the EDC, DDA, and BHC. Annual Budgets and audits should be presented to the City Council for review and filing only.

iii. **DDA Board Attendance & Vacancy Consideration**

City Manager Weber is not part of the DDA board and therefore should not be listed as absent in the meeting minutes; Secretary Martinez-Serratos and Director Harvey have noted and will make sure this gets reflected properly.

City Manager Weber confirms with the DDA that there is a board member who has not attended a meeting since November of 2023, therefore the seat should be vacant and filled. The City Council agrees and requests this be placed on the next City Council agenda.

9. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Farmer opened the public comment. Zero (0) public comments were offered. Mayor Farmer closed the public comment period.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:01 PM.	
RESULTS:	CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)
MOVER:	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Renee Doroh, Councilmember

Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk

Mayor Lynne Farmer

CERTIFICATION

I, **Shelly Umbanhowar**, the duly appointed Clerk for the City of Bangor, do hereby certify that this is a true and exact copy of the minutes from the **Special Meeting held on Tuesday, March 17th, 2026**. These minutes were **approved by the City Council on Monday, April 6th, 2026**, by unanimous vote. The original is on file at the Bangor City Hall, 257 W. Monroe Street, Bangor, Michigan 49013.

Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk