



**Council Chambers**

**Special Meeting**

**6:30PM**

**257 W MONROE ST BANGOR, MI 49013**

1. **This meeting was called to order by Mayor Farmer at 6:30 pm.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS LED BY COUNCILMEMBER RIVERS AND RECITED BY ALL PRESENT**
3. **ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	
		Present	Absent
Lynne Farmer	Mayor	<b>X*</b>	
Pati Martinez-Serratos	Mayor Pro Tem	<b>X</b>	
Heléne Rivers	Councilmember	<b>X</b>	
Jeremy Uplinger	Councilmember	<b>X*</b>	
Renee Doroh	Councilmember	<b>X</b>	
Amber Garcia	Councilmember	<b>X</b>	
Darla McCrumb	Councilmember	<b>X</b>	
<b>QUORUM (4) MET (7 PRESENT)</b>			
*COUNCILMEMBER UPLINGER EXITED THE MEETING AT 6:42 PM			
<b>QUORUM (4) MET (6 PRESENT)</b>			
*MAYOR FARMER EXITED THE MEETING AT 7:02 PM			
<b>QUORUM (4) MET (5 PRESENT)</b>			

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Justin Weber, City Manager  
 Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk  
 Stephenie Cagle, City Treasurer

Scott Graham, City Attorney  
 Approximately 9 members of the public

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

<b>Motion to accept Special Meeting 04/14/26 as presented and posted.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Darla McCrumb, Councilmember
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

6. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS**

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

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Training for the City Council regarding Open Meetings Act (OMA)**

The Mayor introduced the possibility that the Council may benefit from Open Meetings Act (OMA) training and suggested the Michigan Municipal League (MML) as a potential provider, though the cost is currently unknown. City Attorney Graham presented an alternative training option through Michigan State University (MSU), offering either a self-paced webinar or an in-person course. The MSU training is available at a cost of \$20 per council member per module or \$60 per member for the full course. Discussion followed, noting that training and continued education are valuable, but participation could remain at each council member's discretion.

The Mayor also expressed concern that the Council may have been in violation of the OMA during the 04/06/26 meeting when entering into closed session. City Attorney Graham responded that he does not believe a violation occurred, explaining that the City Manager had submitted a written request for deliberations regarding his contract evaluation to be conducted in closed session, which is permissible under OMA Section 8(1) (a) (Personnel).

<b>A motion was made to not select or mandate training at this time.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (5 YES, 1 NO, 1 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Pati Martinez-Serratos, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>YES:</b>	McCrumb, Garcia, Rivers, Doroh, Martinez-Serratos
<b>NO:</b>	Farmer
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Uplinger

During the course of this discussion, Councilmember Uplinger expressed his displeasure with the discussion/situation happening during this portion of the meeting and exited the meeting at 6:42 PM.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. City Manager Employment/Contract Evaluation**

This item was originally introduced at the 04/06/26 City Council Meeting/Closed Session. A Special Meeting was then scheduled for 04/14/26 @ 6:30 PM.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

<b>Motion to convene into closed session at 6:49 PM per MCL 15.268 8 (1) (a) Personnel Matters, Employee, City Manager Employment/Contract Evaluation.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (6 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Renee Doroh, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
<b>YES:</b>	McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos, Rivers, Doroh, Garcia, Farmer
<b>NO:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Uplinger

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos indicates that City Treasurer Cagle is requested to stay for the closed session.

**10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

<b>Motion to reconvene into regular session at 7:15 PM Reconvene into open session to consider any motions on any of the matters discussed under the closed session listed above.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Renee Doroh, Councilmember
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Uplinger, Farmer

The Council room doors are unlocked and remaining public is invited inside.

Mayor Farmer does not return to the Open Session. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos, as Chair, presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**11. ACTION ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

<b>Motion to accept the amended City Manager contract/agreement with modifications to #11 as agreed.</b>	
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>MOTION CARRIED (5 YES, 0 NO, 2 ABSENT) (ROLL CALL)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember
<b>YES:</b>	Rivers, Garcia, Doroh, McCrumb, Martinez-Serratos
<b>NO:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Uplinger, Farmer

12. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Pro Tem Martinez-Serratos opened the public comment. Zero (0) public comments were offered. Mayor Pro Tem Martniez-Serratos closed the public comment period.

13. **COUNCILMEMBER CLOSING COMMENTS**

Councilmember comments were heard.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

<b>Motion to adjourn at 7:22 PM.</b>	
<b>RESULTS:</b>	<b>CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Amber Garcia, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Heléne Rivers, Councilmember

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Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk

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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, April 14<sup>h</sup>, 2026**. These minutes were **approved by the City Council on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**, by unanimous vote. The original is on file at the Bangor City Hall, 257 W. Monroe Street, Bangor, Michigan 49013.

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Shelly Umbanhowar, City Clerk