

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, March 19, 2007 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor McShane.

**PRESENT:** Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright.

**ABSENT:** Buck.

**CITY ADMINISTRATION:** Director Gushman, City Clerk Halberstadt, Director Nebus, City Manager Pastue, Assistant City Manager Richards, Treasurer Weber.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- Special and Regular meeting minutes of February 19, 2007
- Special meeting minutes of February 26, 2007
- Special meeting minutes of March 5, 2007
- May 3, 2007 date set for the Jointly Funded Agencies Budget Meeting with Farmington Hills
- City of Farmington Monthly Payments Report – February 2007
- Monthly Public Safety Report – February 2007
- Request from Farmington Community Arts Council to hang banners across Grand River
- Parade request from the South Farmington Baseball League

**03-07-050** MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**03-07-051** MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Wright, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

A swearing in ceremony was conducted for members of the Mayor's Youth Council.

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**PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**

Mayor McShane proclaimed April as National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness month in the City of Farmington.

**AWARD PRESENTATION TO CHIEF CHARLES NEBUS – MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF DRUG COURT PROFESSIONALS**

Judge Marla Parker presented Chief Charles Nebus with an award from the Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals for his participation and support of the 47<sup>th</sup> Judicial District DWI Court.

Chief Nebus also received a special tribute from State Representative Vagnozzi for distinguished service to the Sobriety Court.

Chief Nebus expressed gratitude for the recognitions and commented on the great success of the Sobriety Court.

**MISS OAKLAND COUNTY – KIRSTEN HAGLUND**

Kirsten Haglund, 2006 Miss Oakland County, was present to provide an update on her activities and the Miss American organization in general.

**PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT**

**Public Hearing**

Mayor McShane opened the public hearing and invited comment regarding a renewal of the Principal Shopping District special assessment.

Sarah Scott, 33317 Orchard Street, confirmed with Council that the proposed PSD renewal includes the elimination of a 2-mill levy for residential properties.

Upon hearing no further comment, Mayor McShane asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

**03-07-052** MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Consideration to Approve Resolution #3**

**RESOLUTION 03-07-053** Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Knol, to adopt Resolution #3, as presented, finding the Principle Shopping District as necessary and direct the City Assessor to prepare an assessment roll for the district. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

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**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: Buck.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #C-722-2007 TO AMEND TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS ALONG SLOCUM STREET**

Responding to a question from Mayor McShane, Director Nebus stated his department did not receive any responses from a second mailing to residents who are affected by the Ordinance.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Wiggins, Director Nebus stated school administration has expressed no concern regarding the proposed changes.

Jim Webster, 22880 Mayfield, expressed concern regarding the removal of stop signs at a corner where there is a bus stop.

Bob DeCorte, City Traffic Engineer, stated the red lights on the bus are sufficient to stop cars for students. He further stated the stop signs were removed on Maple and Slocum Streets because there is no reason for vehicles to stop. He noted the guidelines used to make this determination were from the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Mayor McShane asked residents to monitor the traffic control changes and advise City Administration of any concerns that may arise.

**03-07-054** Motion by Knol, seconded by Wright, to adopt Ordinance C-722-2007 to amend traffic control orders along Slocum Street and Mayfield. **[SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE].**

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: McShane, Wright, Wiggins, Knol.

Nays: None.

Absent: Buck.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT OAKLAND COUNTY WEST NILE GRANT**

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**RESOLUTION 03-07-055** Motion by Wright, seconded by Wiggins, to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a reimbursement request to Oakland County in the amount of \$3,641.00 under the West Nile Virus Fund Program. [\[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION\]](#).

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Wright, Wiggins, Knol, McShane.

Nays: None.

Absent: Buck.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY OF FARMINGTON EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM ANNUAL ACTUARIAL VALUATION**

City Manager Pastue advised that the Retirement System Board of Trustees received an actuarial report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 and certified the contribution to the Retirement System for the 2007/08 fiscal year to be \$520,904.

Pastue advised the underlying assumptions for actuarial evaluation need to be reviewed and possibly modified. He noted the 5% cost of living assumption for growth in future employees is conservatively high when the average is closer to 4 ½%.

Councilmember Knol stated Council should have a discussion on benefits of future employees.

**03-07-056** MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to receive and file the actuarial report for the City Retirement System as of June 30, 2006. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE COST PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY, NINE MILE ROAD PROJECT**

**RESOLUTION 03-07-057** Motion by Wright, seconded by Wiggins, to approve a Cost Participation Agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County related to improvements along Nine Mile Road from Grand River to Hawthorne. [\[SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT\]](#).

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Wiggins, Knol, McShane, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: Buck.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR SIDEWALK  
CONSTRUCTION ALONG NINE MILE ROAD**

**RESOLUTION 03-07-058** Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Knol, to authorize payment in the amount of \$11,091.00 to the City of Farmington Hills for construction of sidewalk and drainage improvements on the north side of Nine Mile Road from Hawthorne east to the City limit.

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: McShane, Wright, Wiggins, Knol.

Nays: None.

Absent: Buck.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO DEMOLISH CONCESSION/STORAGE BUILDING AT  
SHIAWASSEE PARK**

Councilmember Wiggins noted that replacement of the storage/concession was planned for FY 2009/2010. He asked if the demolition of the structure would speed up those plans. Pastue stated the process may be moved up, but the problem is as much a function of manpower and scheduling as it is resources.

Knol expressed appreciation for the PODS provided by the City to the South Farmington Baseball organization for storing their equipment. She noted the organization brings thousands of people down to the Park each year.

Mayor McShane asked whether the insurance carrier for the driver who hit the storage building would pick up the damages. Pastue responded the City's insurance carrier would subrogate the claim.

Responding to an additional question, Director Nebus confirmed restitution from the driver would be sought through the court system.

**03-07-059** MOTION by Wright, seconded by Knol, to authorize demolition of the concession/storage building at Shiawassee Park. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – PLANNING COMMISSION**

**03-07-060** MOTION by Wright, seconded by Wiggins, to appoint Jeffrey Scott to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2009. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ken Murray, 21564 Chestnut, asked if the Public Safety Department had smoke detectors available for residents given the recent time change. Director Nebus

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stated smoke detectors are always available and information regarding them will be provided in an upcoming City newsletter.

Annabelle Gabel, 23089 Violet, noted on a recent Sunday evening the Civic Theatre was crowded and the surrounding parking lots were filled as well.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

Mayor McShane noted a recent request from AT&T to replace the existing 100' cell phone tower at the DPW site with one that would reach 120' and add more users to the system. She asked if additional users would result in additional revenues.

Pastue responded under the existing contract additional users would generate additional funds.

Mayor McShane stated it is time for the City to look at increasing the fees. Treasurer Weber noted that the contract already calls for periodic increases.

Councilmember Wright stated he looked forward to the challenges of his new position and thanked fellow members for making him feel welcome.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**03-07-061** Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Knol, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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JoAnne M. McShane, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

ADOPTED: April 16, 2007