

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, June 18, 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: Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright.

ABSENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: Director Gushman, City Clerk Halberstadt, Attorney Kolb (departed 9:15 p.m.), City Manager Pastue, Attorney Schultz (arrived 8:50 p.m.), Deputy Director Schulz, Treasurer Weber.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- Special meeting minutes of May 15, 2007
- Special and regular meeting minutes of May 21, 2007
- Special meeting minutes of June 4, 2007
- City of Farmington Monthly Payments Report – May 2007
- Monthly Public Safety Report – May 2007

06-07-116 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Buck, to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

06-07-117 MOTION by Wright, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor McShane delayed agenda item 5A to allow time for participants for that presentation to arrive.

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CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE BREAST CANCER 3-DAY WALK SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST

Dana Dziekan, Production Coordinator for Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day, was present to provide details concerning the proposed event route through Farmington and to answer questions.

Councilmember Buck suggested using Riley Park/Sundquist Pavilion as one of the planned "pit stops."

06-07-118 MOTION by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to approve a special event request as presented from Michigan Breast Cancer 3-Day, to incorporate Farmington as part of their three day fundraising event, walking through Farmington on Friday, September 28, 2007, from approximately 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; route as identified in the letter of request. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISS OAKLAND COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – KIRSTEN HAGLUND

Francesca Tuzzolino, representing the Miss Oakland County Scholarship Program, announced Kirsten Haglund, Miss Oakland County 2006, had won the Miss Michigan 2007 title and as a result was unavailable to attend that night's meeting. Contestants for Miss Oakland County 2007 were present to introduce themselves and talk about their platform.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE SWEET DREAMZZZ WALK SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST

06-07-119 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to approve a special event request as presented from Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc. to conduct a 5.4 mile sleep walk beginning and ending at the pavilion in Shiawassee Park, on Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; route as designated in the letter of request. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE #2 FOR THE SHIAWASSEE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION 06-07-120 Motion by Wright, seconded by Wiggins, to approve construction estimate #2 for the Shiawassee Road Reconstruction and Water Main Project and issue payment to Peter A. Basile Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$245,352.92.

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ROLL CALL

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright, Buck.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE #1 AND CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE GRAND RIVER SEWER LINING PROJECT

RESOLUTION 06-07-121 Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Buck, to approve construction estimate #1 for the Grand River Sewer Lining Project and issue payment to Insituform Technologies USA in the amount of \$73,153.40; and approve change order #1 to reduce the contract amount by \$1,011.60.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: McShane, Wiggins, Wright, Buck, Knol.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF TURNOUT GEAR FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 06-07-122 Motion by Knol, seconded by Buck, to accept proposals to replace twenty-three sets of turn out gear for the Public Safety Department and authorize the purchase from the low bidder, Apollo Fire Equipment, in the amount of \$24,357.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Wiggins, Wright, Buck, Knol, McShane.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO ESTABLISH A STUDY GROUP TO EXAMINE THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE DDA TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Administration advised the tax increment financing and development plans for the Downtown Development Authority expire in November 2008 and as a result DDA Executive Director Knowles has requested the City Council establish a study group to review and update the plans.

06-07-123 MOTION by Wright, seconded by Wiggins, to establish a temporary study group to examine the reauthorization of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) tax increment financing and development plans to be comprised of the following individuals: DDA Executive Director Annette Knowles, DDA President Greg Cowley, DDA Board Member Dave Cornwell, DDA Board

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Member Mike Mazzoni, City Manager and DDA Board Member Vince Pastue, City Finance Director/Treasurer Chris Weber, Councilmember Buck and Councilmember Wright. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Responding to a question from Mayor McShane, Pastue stated a review of the boundaries of the DDA District would be part of the study.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE SIGN VARIANCE REQUEST, DRAKESHIRE SHOPPING CENTER

City Manager Pastue advised that as part of the redevelopment approval process for the Drakeshire Shopping Center, the City received a sign variance request from WG-Farmington LLC. He indicated the Planning Commission reviewed the original proposed signage request and recommended revisions that resulted in a modified request for a considerably smaller sign on Drake and a limit on the reader board component to four message board changes an hour.

Harry Kokkinakis, representing WG-Farmington LLC, provided details of the proposed signage for the Drakeshire Shopping Center. He stated they propose three ground signs to be located near each of the three entrances on Grand River, constructed of brick with landscaping at the base, and a smaller directional sign located near the entrance on Drake Road.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Wright, Mr. Kokkinakis indicated Standard Development, owner of the Drakeshire Shopping Center, has a cross access easement on Drake Road that would allow placement of a sign.

In response to a question from Mayor McShane, Mr. Kokkinakis stated the signs are projected somewhat higher to accommodate the height requirement of the hedge. He confirmed that only one sign would have the reader board.

Mayor McShane asked regarding comments from the Planning Commission concerning the proposed signage. Councilmember Knol responded the Planning Commission determined that the three proposed signs site are appropriate given there are three signs currently on the site and the uniqueness of the redevelopment project. She further stated the Commission determined a reader board was not appropriate on Drake Road and the one located on Grand River should be limited to four messages an hour. She stated the Commission has specified that the sign on Drake Road needs to be as small as possible and unobtrusive to traffic. She further stated the Commission does not want to encourage traffic to use the Drake Road entrance.

Responding to a question from Mayor McShane, Mr. Kokkinakis stated the signs would have backlighting.

RESOLUTION 06-07-124 Motion by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to approve a request from WG-Farmington LLC for a sign variance at the Drakeshire Shopping

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Center to construct three ground signs located near each of the three entrances along Grand River, the middle sign for Walgreens to contain a reader board limited to four messages per hour; to construct a small directional sign for Walgreens to be located near the entrance along Drake Road; and that approval is based on the unique and unusual conditions of the overall redevelopment of the site. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE LAND DIVISION REQUEST, DRAKESHIRE SHOPPING CENTER

City Manager Pastue advised that as part of the overall redevelopment of the Drakeshire Shopping Center site, a request was received from WG-Farmington LLC to create three separate parcels. He further advised the Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed lot split and has made some modifications. He indicated the three parcels would be connected through an agreement wherein the parking lot, including lighting and landscaping, would be maintained as one.

RESOLUTION 06-07-125 Motion by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to approve a land division request from WG-Farmington LLC for the Drakeshire Shopping Center, subject to purchase of the site from Standard Construction and satisfactory review by the City Attorney of cross easements for parking and maintenance. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES

City Manager Pastue recommended Council approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for legal services received from City Attorney Schultz. He advised that the scope of work by the City Attorney would remain the same, however, the monthly retainer would increase by 3.3% to \$2,800. He noted the last increase took effect in July 2005. He further advised the hourly rate for criminal and civil prosecutions would increase from \$90 to \$100.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Wiggins, Pastue stated the FY 2007/08 budget figures were based on the new rates.

RESOLUTION 06-07-126 Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Wright, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for City Attorney Services as presented, effective July 1, 2007. **[SEE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM].**

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Wright, Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

- i. **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority**
- ii. **Commission on Aging**
- iii. **Community Library Board of Directors**
- iv. **Planning Commission**
- v. **Traffic & Safety Board**
- vi. **2007 Beautification Committee**

City Manager Pastue indicated Council would not be making an appointment to the Library Board due to rescheduling a candidate interview.

06-07-127 MOTION by Wright, seconded by Knol, to make the following re-appointments: Kevin Gushman and Bill Richards to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for 3-year terms ending February 28, 2010; Jane Frost and John Rolph to the Commission on Aging for 3-year terms ending June 30, 2010; David Gronbach to the Planning Commission for a 3-year term ending June 15, 2010; Norbert Leppanen and Jeffrey McGowan for 3-year terms ending July 31, 2010; and Linda Chiara, Gretchen Perkins, Lorraine Varns, Frank Wildasin, Joyce Wildasin and Pam Wright to the Beautification Awards Committee for 1-year terms. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilmember Buck recommended the development of a charter for the Beautification Committee before establishing it as a standing committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Carvell, 33906 State Street, announced the United Methodist Church has been granted an historical marker from the State Historical Preservation Department. He requested Council's participation at a future unveiling.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Buck stated he was pleased that the Wilmarth/Oakland area was unaffected during a recent power outage. He was glad to see the chronic outages in that area were addressed by DTE.

Buck noted a recent ribbon cutting for Banco, a new business in Farmington that renovates hotels nationwide.

Buck further noted that Kirsten Haglund was wearing a gown designed by a local business, Kray Chic, when she was crowned as Miss Michigan.

Mayor McShane, noted Farmington received \$27,111 from the 2007 Community Development Block Grant program.

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McShane further noted Farmington's emergency sirens passed recent testing.

McShane extended an invitation to Council to see the "Encore Man" on June 21st, a tire recovery program.

CLOSED SESSION

06-07-128 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Buck, to enter into closed session to review City Attorney confidential correspondence and conduct City Manager's performance evaluation.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council entered closed session at 9:15 p.m.

Council returned to open session to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

06-07-129 Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Knol, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

JoAnne M. McShane, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: July 16, 2007