

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2011

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, November 14, 2011, 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 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Buck.

PRESENT: Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane, Wright.

ABSENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: City Clerk Halberstadt, City Manager Pastue.

City Clerk Halberstadt administered the oath of office to Greg Cowley, Kristin Kuiken and JoAnne McShane.

Councilmembers thanked voters for their support and offered additional comments.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

City Manager Pastue invited councilmembers to express their interest in serving as Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem.

Buck expressed a willingness to continue serving as Mayor if it was the will of the Council.

Discussion followed regarding the responsibilities and expectations of Mayor Pro Tem.

Galvin expressed a willingness to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

McShane stated she gave strong consideration in requesting a nomination to serve as Mayor, but decided against it for a number of reasons. She noted Tom Buck has done an outstanding job as Mayor and has goals he would yet like to achieve. She believed it would be good for the Council and the City for Buck to continue to serve as Mayor. She noted they have worked really well together and have been through some critical times. She would like to assist him in reaching both his goals along with her own. As a result, she is seeking the office of Mayor Pro Tem. She stated her service is about the betterment of Farmington and she will work hard for the City no matter what position she serves in.

City Manager Pastue opened the floor for nominations for Office of Mayor.

McShane nominated Tom Buck to the Office of Mayor, supported by Galvin.

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Hearing no further nominations, Pastue requested a motion to close the nominations and re-elect Tom Buck as Mayor.

11-11-190 MOTION by Galvin, seconded by McShane, to close the nominations and re-elect Tom Buck to the Office of Mayor. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Pastue turned the meeting over to Mayor Buck.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

Mayor Buck nominated JoAnne McShane for Office of Mayor Pro Tem, supported by Galvin.

Councilmember Kuiken nominated Bill Galvin for said office.

Hearing no further nominations, Mayor Buck asked for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows:

ROLL CALL

Cowley	-	Galvin
Galvin	-	Galvin
Kuiken	-	Galvin
McShane	-	McShane
Buck	-	McShane

By majority vote, Bill Galvin was elected Mayor Pro Tem.

Galvin expressed appreciation to Council for their support.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COUNCILMEMBERS TO SERVE ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

City Manager Pastue reviewed each Board and Commission on which a Councilmember must serve. After each one was reviewed a Councilmember volunteered to serve as follows:

Farmington Retiree Health Care Board of Trustees	-	Buck
Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors	-	Buck
Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	-	Kuiken
Farmington Election Commission	-	McShane
Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission	-	Galvin
Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council	-	Cowley
8 Mile Boulevard Association	-	Cowley/Pastue
Southeast Michigan Council of Governments(S.E.M.C.O.G.)	-	Kuiken/Pastue

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11-11-191 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Kuiken, to adopt a resolution assigning Councilmembers to serve on various boards and commissions. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION – 2012 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council discussed proposed Monday or Tuesday meeting schedules for 2012. By majority consensus, Council supported a 2012 Monday meeting schedule.

ORIENTATION PROCESS FOR NEW CITY COUNCILMEMBERS

Pastue reviewed the orientation process administration will follow in acclimating new Councilmembers to the structure, finance and operations of the City.

DISCUSSION – CONSIDERATION TO SCHEDULE A STRATEGIC PLANNING AND GOAL SETTING SESSION(S) FOR EARLY JANUARY

Council agreed to meet on a Saturday in January for a strategic planning and goal setting session. City Manager's office will send out possible meeting dates to Council.

Cowley requested notes from the last Strategic Planning session. Pastue agreed to provide the notes and related work plan to new Councilmembers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

COUNCIL COMMENT

McShane thanked City Clerk Halberstadt and her staff for a great job on the City election.

Galvin requested that all City Boards and Commissions provide an annual update to Council.

Pastue advised such annual updates were provided until the recent past and he will make sure they are brought back.

Galvin noted approval for the 2012 Community Development Block Grant is scheduled for the next meeting. He further noted that in his review of previous meeting minutes concerns were expressed by Council regarding this grant. He asked if City Manager Pastue could provide an update on this issue.

Pastue acknowledged the concerns and agreed to provide Council with a written update on the issue by mid-week.

