

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, June 2, 2008, 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 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Knol.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: City Clerk Halberstadt, City Manager Pastue, Treasurer Weber.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

06-08-092 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH PICNIC

RESOLUTION 06-08-093 Motion by Wright, seconded by Wiggins, to approve a special event permit request from Our Lady of Sorrows Church to hold their annual picnic in Shiawassee Park on Sunday, June 8, 2008. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Present: Mary Engelman, President and CEO

Councilmember Buck noted the Chamber has been extremely supportive of the IDEA group and downtown businesses. He stated they are a great presence for the City especially in terms of business promotion and recruitment.

Councilmember McShane discussed the importance of the City's partnership with the Chamber and the support they provide.

Councilmember Wright also recognized the important partnerships between Farmington, Farmington Hills and the Chamber. He stated membership in the Chamber is a critical component to the long term viability of the City.

RESOLUTION 06-08-094 Motion by McShane, seconded by Buck, to approve FY 2008-09 annual membership with Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$5,000.

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ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MICHIGAN SUBURBS ALLIANCE

Present: Conan Smith, Executive Director, Toni Mocerri, and Anna Clark.

Conan Smith provided an overview of the mission and goals of Michigan Suburbs Alliance (MSA). He advised MSA is a 5013C non-profit entity with a budget of \$600,000, funded by membership dues and grants. He discussed what makes MSA distinctive from other organizations such as the Michigan Municipal League (MML). He stated the investment by membership communities is used to leverage funding for specific programs. He discussed the three program areas of the MSA that include: 1) redevelopment, 2) intergovernmental collaboration, and 3) public policy.

Mr. Smith asked Council to identify priorities they would like addressed by the MSA.

Mayor Knol questioned the status of MSA's Redevelopment Ready program for Farmington. City Manager Pastue responded the next step is an evaluation of the City's current policies and ordinances by MSA. He noted the participation resolution has already been adopted by Council. Mr. Smith stated the program has been delayed in Farmington due to a restructuring of MSA's evaluation process.

Councilmember Wright asked how MSA differentiates itself from other organizations such as the Michigan Municipal League. Mr. Smith responded the MSA is similarly structured to other organizations, however, the difference is in scale and focus. He stated MSA tries to hone in on those areas not addressed by larger organizations. He noted MSA focuses on the issues of smaller, built-out cities in the metro Detroit area.

Councilmember McShane asked how MSA will assist in obtaining Federal grant money that is typically reserved for larger cities. Mr. Smith responded the MSA is working with the Federal Government to allow cities to aggregate under a single plan.

McShane noted two-thirds of the cities in the United States have populations under ten thousand. She stated one of the greatest challenges to small cities is to try to direct State and Federal monies to them.

McShane cited areas the City would like MSA to address including: creative ways to reduce legacy costs of retired employees; healthcare and benefit costs of current employees; greater access to liquor licenses; and assistance in addressing the increasing number of vacant homes.

Councilmember Wiggins asked about MSA's strategy in helping cities to gain a boost in revenue sharing. Mr. Smith stated they are working on a policy that would provide a pool of State money for communities who collaborate on energy, police and fire, etc.

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Mayor Knol stressed the importance of providing redevelopment opportunities for the inner ring cities.

FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 BUDGET AND MILLAGE LEVY

Public Hearing

06-08-095 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by McShane, to open the public hearing to hear public comment on the proposed FY 2008-09 budget and millage levy. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Knol opened the hearing and invited public comment.

Betty Borgman, 34011 Grand River, requested clarification on the proposed recycling/solid waste/yard waste fee. She expressed difficulty in understanding the related change in millage and the final cost to the taxpayer.

There being no further comment, Mayor Knol asked for a motion to close the hearing.

06-08-096 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Wright, to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Consideration to Adopt Fiscal Year 2008/09 Budget and Establish Millage Rates

RESOLUTION 06-08-097 Motion by Wiggins, seconded by McShane, to adopt a resolution approving the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget and establishing the local property millage rate for 2008. [\[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION\]](#).

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2008/09 JOINT AGENCY AND AUTHORITY BUDGETS

RESOLUTION 06-08-098 Motion by Buck, seconded by Wright, to adopt Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget Resolution for the Downtown Development Authority, 47th District Court, and joint agency budgets. [\[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION\]](#).

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING/YARD WASTE USER CHARGE

RESOLUTION 06-08-099 Motion by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to adopt a resolution to establish solid waste/recycling/yard waste user charge and to establish a dollar amount for waiver of recycling charge. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO AMEND WATER AND SEWER RATES

RESOLUTION 06-08-100 Motion by Wright, seconded by Wiggins, to adopt a resolution to amend fees associated with water and sewer rates, quarterly LTCSO charge, and quarterly administration charge effective July 1, 2008. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 BUDGET

RESOLUTION 06-08-101 Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Wright, to adopt a resolution approving a comprehensive amendment to the Fiscal Year 2007-08 budget. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dick Carvell, Warner Mansion Administrator, highlighted some of the recent activities at the Mansion.

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COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Wright noted a number of City residences with overgrown lawns. City Manager Pastue responded the Code Enforcement Officer has been writing a number of tickets related to this issue.

Wright requested an update on properties reviewed by Council during a recent van tour.

Mayor Knol requested the Department of Public Works provide an update on foreclosed properties or those with code violations.

Wright asked regarding implementation of some of the improvements recommended in the Walkability Study. Pastue advised he recently met with Directors Gushman and Nebus to review the status of these improvements. He stated the City's focus will be on Farmington Road north of Grand River and the crosswalk at Farmington Road and State Street.

Councilmember Buck noted the number of activities planned for Farmington and the involvement and participation from surrounding communities.

Councilmember McShane requested Administration to address a number of homemade A-frame signs that have cropped up in the City. She noted design standards adopted for this type of sign are not being met.

McShane stated she has been approached by Starbucks and other community members to place a handicap parking space in front of that store.

McShane noted a City in Oakland County that recently passed an ordinance restricting the use of underground sprinklers to certain hours in order to save money. She asked if the City should consider a similar ordinance. Pastue concurred this type of ordinance would provide savings on the water rate structure and should be a consideration for the City.

McShane requested the City revisit the dual water system evaluation.

Councilmember Wiggins noted how great the new building owned by Diane Cassidy looks. He further noted the permanent block structures are in place for the dumpsters in the downtown.

ADJOURNMENT

06-08-102 MOTION by Wright, seconded by Buck, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Valerie S. Knol, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: June 16, 2008