

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, November 7, 2005, 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 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem McShane.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bush, Knol, McShane, Mitchell.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Campbell.

**CITY ADMINISTRATION:** Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Gushman (joined meeting at 7:45 p.m.), Director Nebus (joined meeting at 7:45 p.m.), City Manager Pastue, Assistant City Manager Richards, Attorney Schultz.

**OTHER:** Traffic and Safety Board Member, Duane Reynolds (joined meeting at 7:45 p.m.)

**CLOSED SESSION – LAND ACQUISITION AND COMMAND OFFICERS  
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem McShane requested a motion to enter into closed session.

**11-05-238** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to enter into closed session to discuss land acquisition and a Command Officers Collective Bargaining Agreement.

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Mitchell, Bush.

Nays: None.

Absent: Campbell.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council entered into closed session at 7:00 p.m. and adjourned to open session at 7:40 p.m.

**DISCUSSION – PAVILION COMPLETION**

City Manager Pastue indicated he needed additional information from Morton Buildings before discussion could take place regarding Pavilion completion.

Pastue confirmed that the builder's logo would be removed from the Pavilion.

**REVIEW OF FLANDERS STREET TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS**

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Pastue advised that at an August meeting Council approved Traffic Control Orders along Flanders Street as part of a review done by the Traffic and Safety Board. He stated that at that meeting a commitment was made to return to Council in the Fall with a review of the effectiveness of the Orders.

Duane Reynolds, member of the Traffic and Safety Board, advised that several studies were performed to determine the success of the Traffic Control Orders. He further advised that the results of those studies showed that traffic counts were extremely low (less than 1000 for a twenty-four hour period) and the average speeds were all between twenty-one to twenty-three miles per hour. He noted that the average speed on a residential street is about twenty-eight miles per hour. He further noted that prior to the implementation of the Orders, a review of accident reports showed that only two accidents occurred in a five-year period.

Reynolds advised that given the results of the traffic studies, it was the Board's opinion that the Traffic Control Orders are working and changes would not be necessary. He noted that they would continue to monitor activity on that street.

Councilmember Knol asked about the method by which speeds were measured. Director Nebus confirmed that pavement markers were used along with thirty plus hours of observation from officers. He noted that speeds averaged no more than twenty-three miles per hour.

Mayor Pro Tem McShane asked about the children's crossing patterns and asked if there were any concerns. Nebus responded that after school opened he periodically observed children crossing and did not see any concerns. He stated that the Principal of Flanders indicated that she had received all positive feedback on the traffic changes.

McShane stated that she was impressed with how quickly residents have acclimated to the changes.

Jeff McGowan, Flanders Street resident, indicated that he along with fellow residents had attended a Traffic and Safety Board meeting where they had expressed their support for a four-way stop at Flanders and Larkspur. He explained that from their observations the average speed on Flanders is greater than posted. He expressed support for the changes that were made relative to the walking pattern established for the children going to school. He stated that he would like an additional crosswalk at the end of the subdivision.

McShane thanked Mr. McGowan for his comments and advised him to return to the Traffic and Safety Board if he believes there is a crosswalk problem.

McGowan asked if Council's decision regarding the traffic changes was "set in stone" or would they be receptive to a future petition signed by residents requesting a four-way stop should they judge it to be necessary.

McShane responded that this type of issue is never "set in stone", especially when it pertains to the safety of children.

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Pastue noted that any future study performed by the Traffic and Safety Board would continue to be from an analytical standpoint.

Councilmember Knol noted that it would be interesting to conduct a study in the summer when the children are on vacation. She expressed her belief that a different traffic pattern would likely appear.

Reynolds stated that the Traffic and Safety Board would only make changes that are supported by sound, analytical data.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**11-05-239** MOTION by Knol, seconded by Bush, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Arnold T. Campbell, Mayor

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Patsy K. Cantrell, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Susan K. Halberstadt, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: NOVEMBER 21, 2005