

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, July 06, 2004, 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 Campbell.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell.

Mayor Campbell invited Council to interview Carol Robb, a candidate for a position on the Commission for Children, Youth & Families. Council discussed the goals of the Commission with the candidate and questioned how she might contribute.

Mayor Campbell addressed the next agenda item concerning other business and spoke regarding the status of the Warner Mansion. He stated that in his discussion with Museum Director Horvath, she indicated that she accepted her position with the understanding that she would not be involved in fundraising. He discussed Ms. Horvath's excellent performance as Director, including continued improvements and upkeep of the facility.

Councilmember Knol concurred that the Mansion is well maintained and noted the differing roles of director versus fundraiser. She expressed her concern regarding taxpayer support of the Mansion and its ongoing expense. She recommended that Council seek additional uses for the facility. She noted the lack of representation of Farmington history, other than Governor Warner and the Mansion.

Mayor Campbell suggested the possibility of using monitors during wedding ceremonies. He acknowledged the probability that the Mansion will never be self-supporting. He cited additional achievements of Director Horvath.

Councilmember McShane stated that she would like to see changes made to the Museum that would provide greater access to the public and increase attendance. She noted that fundraising needed to be addressed.

Councilmember Bush noted the need to continue discussion at a future meeting regarding the Mansion.

Mayor Campbell reiterated Director Horvath's interest in the management of the Museum only.

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Knol expressed her appreciation of Director Horvath's accomplishments in historical preservation. She stated that if two positions were developed, preservation and fundraising, clear direction would need to be provided.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

ARNOLD T. CAMPBELL, Mayor

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer