

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, January 17, 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 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Campbell.

PRESENT: Mary L. Bush, Arnold T. Campbell, Valerie S. Knol,
JoAnne M. McShane, James K. Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: Deputy Clerk Halberstadt, City Manager Pastue,
Attorney Schultz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

01-05-001 MOTION by Bush, seconded by Knol, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

01-05-002 MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 20, 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS CALL TO ACTION COALITION-
DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS AWARENESS EFFORT – MAYOR ARNOLD
CAMPBELL**

Council expressed support for the asset of “Kids Feel Safe at Home, School and In Their Neighborhood”, part of the Search Institute’s forty developmental assets, during the first quarter of 2005, as requested by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Call to Action Coalition.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE – FARMINGTON
HILLS/FARMINGTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Administration advised that the Farmington Hills/Farmington Community Foundation is planning a Rubber Duck Race on the Rouge River in Shiawassee Park on Saturday, July 16, 2005. Administration further advised that the Foundation is required by the State of Michigan to obtain a resolution from the local government recognizing it as a legitimate non-profit organization in order to conduct a game of chance.

Barbara Yuhas, representing the Foundation, was present to respond to questions.

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RESOLUTION 01-05-003 Motion by Knol, seconded by Bush, to adopt a resolution recognizing Farmington Hills/Farmington Community Foundation as a charitable non-profit organization for purposes of obtaining a charitable gaming license. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL EVENT PETITION – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Administration recommended granting permission for this annual fundraising event with the exception of soliciting in the streets.

Mayor Campbell asked if there is a City Ordinance that addresses solicitation in the streets. Attorney Schultz responded that the “Special Events” ordinance would be reviewed to ensure that street solicitation is included.

RESOLUTION 01-05-004 Motion by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to grant permission to the Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Council No. 4401, to solicit for their annual fund drive on March 18, 19 & 20, 2005 in the City of Farmington; street solicitation prohibited. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – RETIREMENT OF GEORGE GOODMAN,
MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Administration advised that George Goodman would be retiring this spring as the Executive Director of the Michigan Municipal League.

RESOLUTION 01-05-005 Motion by McShane, seconded by Bush, to adopt a resolution in recognition of George D. Goodman who served as Executive Director of the Michigan Municipal League for twenty-two years. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

RESIGNATION FROM DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Councilmember Knol thanked Ms. Cornwell for her many years of service. Knol noted the difficulty of making new appointments to certain Boards and Commissions due to the longevity of their members. She suggested that Council consider “term limits” on those Boards and Commissions where there is a high interest from the public to serve.

01-05-006 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to accept the resignation of Joyce Cornwell from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board and send a letter of appreciation for her service to the City. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

01-05-007 MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to reappoint Vincent Pastue and John Sailer to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for three-year terms; and

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William Ingalls and David Mariner to the Construction Board of Appeals for two-year terms. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR HIGH PRESSURE BREATHING AIR SYSTEM

Administration advised that the Public Safety Department received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for purchasing a system to fill self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) cylinders.

RESOLUTION 01-05-008 Motion by Bush, seconded by McShane, to accept the proposals received for the high pressure breathing air system and award to the low bidder, Air Source One, Inc. in the amount of \$26,250; funds provided by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$23,250 and \$3,000 in the FY 2004-05 budget.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Campbell, Knol, McShane, Mitchell, Bush.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY AND TENTATIVE INTENT TO PROCEED WITH DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON CENTER IMPROVEMENTS AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

Administration advised that the City Council adopted a resolution at their December 20, 2004 meeting to initiate the establishment of a Special Assessment District for the Downtown Farmington Center improvements. Administration further advised that the next step is for Council to adopt a resolution that determines the project is necessary, that it tentatively intends to proceed with the project and that it intends to defray cost of the project by establishing a Special Assessment District.

Councilmember Mitchell asked if the depth of the sidewalks could be increased in order to accommodate outside seating. City Manager Pastue responded that there would be slight modifications made to the plans including expansion of the sidewalks on the south side.

RESOLUTION 01-05-009 Motion by McShane, seconded by Bush, to adopt Special Assessment Resolution #2 for the Downtown Farmington Center Improvements Project that determines the project is necessary, that it tentatively intends to proceed with the project, and that it intends to defray the entire cost of the project by establishing a special assessment district, and to schedule a public hearing for Monday, February 7, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. **[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]**.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Mitchell, Bush, Campbell.

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Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PRESENTATION/RESOLUTION ENDORSING FARMINGTON COMMUNITY
LIBRARY MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

Library Board Member Jim McLaughlin and Library Director Tina Theeke were present to discuss the Farmington Community Library millage proposal. Mr. McLaughlin requested Council's endorsement of the proposed millage. He stated that the Board chose the May 3, 2005 ballot on which to place the millage proposal because of the timing and economic necessity. He advised that approval of the millage would bring revenues from summer taxes thereby avoiding additional changes to services. He noted that election costs would be shared with the schools. He stated that the Library Board is proposing one mill for a period of 20 years.

Mayor Campbell stressed the importance of communicating the millage proposal to the public. Library Director Theeke responded that promotional materials would be developed for public education of the proposal.

Knol, referring to a document provided by the Library Board, noted a discrepancy between the .8 mill tax transfer shown from Farmington/Farmington Hills and the actual tax transfer amount of .69 mill. Pastue noted that the discrepancy was a result of recent cuts made to the Library by both cities. Director Theeke agreed to correctly convey the tax transfer amount in future documents.

Knol stated that she is unable to support a resolution by Council to reduce the City's tax levy by .69 until further budget information is received and the status of state revenue sharing is determined.

Director Theeke stated that it is important to communicate to the public the Councils' intent to offset the proposed millage.

Pastue advised that the proposed resolution does not include actual tax transfer amounts, but rather supports the idea of a dedicated library millage. He recommended that the two cities develop a joint resolution with regard to a tax reduction.

Councilmember McShane expressed her support for the proposed library millage. She noted that everyone benefits from a library system and that it is imperative to take the necessary steps to provide protection for its future.

Mitchell also expressed his support for the proposed millage. He stressed the importance of working with Farmington Hills to determine a tax reduction.

Councilmember Bush stated her continued support of the Library and the proposed millage. She further stated that she would support the Library in whatever way she can.

Board Member McLaughlin thanked Council for their support.

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RESOLUTION 01-05-010 Motion by Knol, seconded by McShane, to adopt a resolution endorsing the Farmington Community Library's ballot proposal to levy one mill over a twenty-year period; and to delay a decision regarding a City tax reduction until the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills have met, preliminary budget figures are available and the status of state revenue sharing is determined. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

ROLL CALL

Ayes: McShane, Mitchell, Bush, Campbell, Knol.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MISCELLANEOUS

SECOND QUARTER REPORT: BUILDING DEPARTMENT – OCTOBER 1, 2004 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2004

01-05-011 MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Bush, to receive and file the Building Department report for quarter ending December 31, 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SECOND QUARTER REPORT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT – OCTOBER 1, 2004 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2004

Responding to a question regarding the high cost of leaf pick-up, Pastue stated he would return to Council with detail concerning the cost.

01-05-012 MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to receive and file the Department of Public Works and Water and Sewer Department report for quarter ending December 31, 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENTS REPORT

01-05-013 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to approve the monthly payments report for December 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

COUNCIL COMMENT

McShane recommended that DDA Director Morgan publicize the open position on the DDA Board in the Downtown District as soon as possible. She asked about the training date for the Zoning Board and Planning Commission and whether it could be scheduled earlier. Pastue responded that it has been typically scheduled in the Spring, but would be open to planning it earlier.

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McShane asked if the goal-setting session scheduled for March could be moved up to an earlier date. She expressed concern that this session appears to be scheduled later each year. Pastue responded that the goal-setting dates are timed with the fiscal rather than calendar year. He further responded that the date was set in order to allow department heads sufficient time to submit their goals. McShane recognized the importance of the goals of the department heads, but continued to express concern regarding the lateness of the goal-setting session. Pastue responded that he would re-visit the special meeting schedule to determine if an earlier date is available.

Knol recommended that Council review last year's goals at the special meeting set for January 24, 2005.

Bush concurred that goal-setting should be addressed as soon as possible.

Knol questioned why the water rates are projected to increase by 10.4%. Pastue responded that there are a number of factors on which the rates are based, however, a major reason for Farmington's increase is due to peak usage. He stated that there is a conceptual flaw in how peak usage is calculated. He noted that the rates for sewer would be lower. Pastue stated that the City will continue discussions with Detroit Water and Sewer regarding the water rate increase.

Knol recommended that at a future meeting Council discuss amending the zoning ordinance to allow for larger homes in the community. She stated that diversity of housing stock is good for Farmington.

Mitchell concurred with Knol regarding term limits, specifically as it relates to the DDA Board. He noted that the DDA Board has a budget and derives revenue based on taxes, therefore it makes sense to allow other merchants to serve on the Board.

With regard to goal setting, Mitchell stated that he understood Pastue's position that input from the Department Heads should be received before Council sets their goals. He stated that he is not concerned with a March goal-setting session since Council had already spent considerable time this past summer and last January in discussion of goals. He noted that goal-setting was done in March two years ago.

Pastue provided a brief update and noted recent changes made to the Downtown Center project site plan. He stated that City engineers have recommended the completion of most of the underground utilities prior to the Founders Festival. He stated that the construction of the pavilion would begin sometime after the Festival.

Responding to a question, Pastue stated he would meet with the Traffic and Safety Board and the City Planner to make decisions regarding one-way or two-way traffic and angled parking in the Center. He stated that he also wants to ensure that the parking spaces and road widths meet City Code.

Pastue confirmed that the Farmers Market would likely remain on Grove Street this year. He noted the possibility of closing Farmington Road between Grand River and Grove Street for the Founders Festival.

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Responding to a question, Pastue stated that an appraisal is in process with regard to the Clappison property.

Mayor Campbell noted the Special Meeting planned for Monday, January 24, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

01-05-014 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ARNOLD T. CAMPBELL, Mayor

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

SUSAN K. HALBERSTADT, Recording Secretary

Approved: February 7, 2005