

**CITY OF FARMINGTON
AND
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SPECIAL MEETING**

**JOINTLY FUNDED AGENCIES BUDGETS
May 12, 2005**

A special meeting of the Farmington/Farmington Hills City Councils and the Jointly Funded Agencies was held on Thursday, May 12, 2005 at the Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order by City of Farmington Mayor Arnold Campbell at 7:30 p.m.

FARMINGTON COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Bush, Campbell, Knol, McShane and Mitchell

FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell; City Manager Pastue

FARMINGTON HILLS COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Akouri, Barnett, Brickner, Bruce, Massey, Oliverio

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

City Manager Brock (arrived 7:40 p.m.), City Clerk Dornan, Finance Director Spaman, Assistant City Manager Whinnery

Farmington Mayor Campbell welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Todd Lipa of the Mayor's Youth Council to give the first presentation.

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

Present: Todd Lipa

Todd Lipa, representing the Mayor's Youth Council, indicated that the Youth Council has been working diligently to increase membership. He discussed the success of events over the last year including, "Meet the Mayors Night" and the ongoing success of the "Second Floor", a gathering place for youth.

Lipa stated that the Youth Council did not travel out-of-state this year, but did attend the Michigan Municipal League conference last September. He discussed the Youth Council's participation in other events, including the Mayor's Youth Symposium in Traverse City.

Lipa noted that a large part of their budget is dedicated to supplies and food for events, as well as the \$2000 for conferences.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Bruce, Lipa stated that the Youth Council members did not attend conferences because they felt they were not prepared enough to represent the cities.

Mayor Barnett noted that the current Youth Council is young and wanted to gain more experience before attending conferences and as a result they chose to spend the money building up their organization.

Responding to an additional question, Lipa stated that \$2000 is sufficient enough to send two to three members to conferences.

Mayor Barnett discussed fundraising to offset costs and partnering with other communities to share costs of chaperoning.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Massey, Lipa stated that he would like to see membership in the Youth Council increased to 20-25 members.

Discussion continued regarding recruiting members and involving schools in that effort. Councilmember Oliverio suggested that the Councils discuss this issue with the schools.

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Present: Chair Andy Nickelhoff, Secretary Joan McGlincy

Chairperson Nickelhoff reviewed programs implemented by the Commission over the last year. He stated that the Commission is currently working on an area guide for family friendly activities. He spoke about an additional project, "Marketing to Kids", which explores the adverse effects of advertising on children. He cited the success of "TV Turn Off Week" and indicated they are already planning this event for next year. He spoke about other programs, including early childhood education and job shadowing opportunities.

Commissioner McGlincy noted that the Commission is working with the Commission on Aging on future joint projects.

Mayor Barnett asked if the Commission had any plans to educate parents and children to the dangers of the internet. She offered to provide materials to the Commission regarding talking to kids about money.

Councilmember Bruce congratulated the Commission on the excellent job they are doing.

FARMINGTON AREA COMMISSION ON AGING

No commission members were in attendance.

47TH DISTRICT COURT

Present: Dave Walsh, Court Administrator; Stacy Parke, Deputy Court Administrator; and 47th District Court Judges Marla Parker and James Brady

Court Administrator Walsh discussed the success of the Court's collection program due to the efforts of Deputy Court Administrator Parke. He spoke about the success of the Community Work Program that has provided a minimum labor value of over \$100,000. He

recognized Deputy Administrator Park's achievement as a Fellow of the Institute for Court Management.

Walsh reviewed a few of the line items on the Court's budget. He noted a 2% increase in staff wages, lower than in previous years. He stated that the increase in court appointed attorney fees was based on cost trends, however, the Court recoups approximately 50% of those fees. He noted that the increase in costs for maintenance of office equipment is due to an increase in phone contract service and that the increase in building and ground maintenance is a result of Farmington Hills not charging for that service in the past. He noted a provision for a document imaging system under capital outlay. He discussed the potential use of this system in the court environment and from an inter-agency perspective.

Councilmember McShane asked if the charges for services to the public are appropriate. Walsh responded that they are in line with other courts.

Councilmember Brickner noted that the Circuit Court is currently considering on-line electronic filing and suggested that Walsh review what they have done so far.

Walsh discussed the current state of technology relative to the court system and stated the importance of electronic filing, however, progress is largely dependent on the Supreme Court information system. Discussion continued regarding technology and information storage systems.

Mayor Barnett asked about accounting for future retiree healthcare costs. Walsh responded that the Court is part of the Farmington Hills pension system and therefore takes direction from that system.

Discussion followed regarding changes in benefits relative to co-pay for drug reimbursement and an increase in the "payment in lieu of benefits".

Judge Parker advised that the Sobriety Court Program has been implemented. She stated that the focus of the program is to hold drunk drivers more accountable and to address treatment issues closer to the time of the offense. She explained the criteria by which a defendant enters the program.

Councilmember McShane spoke about her positive experience with the court process as a result of her car being struck by a drunk driver.

FARMINGTON AREA YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Present: Ed Cleland, Chairperson; Pamela Lyle, Youth Caseworker; Ambrish Sundaram

Chairperson Cleland indicated that in order to reduce costs last year they replaced a full-time secretary with a part-time one. He stated that due to the needs of the underprivileged in the community they have expanded the summer camp from six to ten weeks. In addition, he stated that they have been working with the schools and have identified those children who are from disadvantaged homes. He further stated that as part of the enrollment in summer camp, the parents of the youth will be asked to sign a waiver

allowing staff to obtain their childrens' school report cards. He stated that from the report cards, staff would identify deficiencies that will be addressed during summer camp.

Cleland advised that all summer camp participants would now go on field trips. He stated that in the past, only those who could afford the cost of the trip would go, however, by reducing the cost of the trips, all children would be able to participate.

Cleland stated that the annual breakfast has been replaced by an annual afternoon "Jubilee" which will be held this year on August 12, 2005. He stated that this event will provide an opportunity for the children to showcase what they have accomplished at camp. He noted that a local business, Akebono, would sponsor this event.

Cleland advised that volunteer programs, such as tutoring and mentoring, would continue. He briefly discussed some changes to the budget, noting that any shortfalls would likely be covered by donations.

Mayor Barnett suggested reallocating the money from the "Mervyn's Shopping Spree" to another activity, such as the Summer Activity Center.

Councilmember Brickner questioned the difference between the amount of the proposed Farmington Youth Assistance budget and the budget amount requested from the Cities. Cleland responded that scholarships make up at least part of the difference.

Caseworker Lyle assured the Council that any extra dollars are applied to the Summer Activity Center scholarships.

Responding to a question, Cleland stated that the schools do not provide any money, but rather provide use of their building and janitorial services.

Councilmember Bruce stated that since Farmington Youth Assistance is providing academic services through their camps, the schools should consider contributing to that effort.

Cleland discussed plans for the education program. He stated his hope that they can implement a quantitative process by which the program's success can be measured, allowing them to apply for grants.

Bruce asked about testing children to determine success of the program. Cleland responded that he would like to implement pre and post testing at some point, however, education will not be a major part of the summer camp program.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Oliverio, Cleland stated that there were 145 camp participants last year, however, that number would be reduced for the coming year. He noted that there would be less participation this year due to stricter standards and a smaller population of children.

City Manager Brock confirmed that Farmington Youth Assistance coordinates their programs with other city programs and agencies. Cleland discussed staff training provided by the YMCA.

Lyle thanked the cities for their continued support; noted the significant contribution of volunteers; and further noted that her caseload of up to 120 children a year is a free service to the families.

Responding to a question, Lyle stated that she encourages the children that she counsels to participate in the summer camp.

FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION:

Present: Haroune Alameddine, Vice Chairperson; Nancy Coumoundouros, Arts Coordinator; David Londal

Commissioner Londal reviewed the activities and groups supported by the Arts Commission including: Artisan Resident Award and Student Art Award; Farmington Community Band; Farmington Artist Club; Farmington Musicale; and other groups. He stated that Commission funds were also used for special projects such as the Air Force Academy Wings Concert; replacement of the stage curtain at the Costick Center; and Art in the Corridor exhibits. He continued to discuss other programs sponsored by the Commission.

Mayor Campbell congratulated the Commission on the excellent work they are doing.

Councilmember Knol announced the upcoming groundbreaking ceremony on May 21, 2005 for the Downtown Center Pavilion, noting that it could be used for outdoor concerts.

Commissioner Alameddine thanked the Councils for their outstanding support.

Mayor Barnett recognized the extensiveness of the Arts Program and the effort and talent of Arts Coordinator, Nancy Coumoundouros and all the Commission members.

Coumoundouros noted the support of both cities and the coordination effort with the schools.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Campbell asked about a "check and balance" of the Library budget going forward with the passage of the millage. He suggested the possibility of expanding the Library Board to include a Council representative.

City Manager Brock noted that the Library Board has always put together its own budget with a review by both City Councils. He further noted that the Councils would continue to appoint members to the Board.

Discussion followed regarding tax collection for the Library.

Mayor Barnett recommended moving to a population basis for joint funding.

Mayor Campbell questioned the need for a special budget meeting on jointly funded agencies.

Mayor Barnett expressed support for a joint meeting stating that it helps to keep the communities linked in a meaningful way.

Councilmember Massey noted that Farmington has representation on the Citizens Core Council for Emergency Preparedness, but that it does not fall under the category of jointly funded agencies.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

CITY OF FARMINGTON

Arnold T. Campbell, Mayor

Patsy K. Cantrell, City Clerk/Treasurer

Susan K. Halberstadt, Recording Secretary

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

Vicki Barnett, Mayor
Kathryn A. Dornan, City Clerk

APPROVED: JUNE 6, 2005