

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, May 21, 2001 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 Hartsock.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

05-01-443 MOTION by Bush, seconded by Campbell, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

05-01-444 MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of May 7, 2001 and Study Session minutes of April 30, 2001. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS

05-01-445 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Campbell, to receive and file the minutes of the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees meeting of February 8, 2001. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATION: DOWNTOWN CENTER PROPOSED PROJECT – MR. JOHN GRISSIM, GRISSIM-METZ ASSOCIATES, INC.

Mr. John Grissim of Grissim-Metz Associates, Inc. reviewed the plans for the proposed Downtown Center Project. He stated that the goals of the project would include beautification enhancement and making the parking lot more people friendly and safer. He indicated that renovations would include repaving of the parking lot, brick paving of entrances, reduction of entrances, additional trees, a pavilion and possibly a sculpture.

Mr. Grissim responded to questions from Council regarding the sculpture, dumpsters and adjoining sidewalks.

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Council expressed their enthusiasm for the project. City Manager Lauhoff discussed timing of the project, sources of funding and the tremendous opportunity it presents to the City.

Council asked if this project would be completed in phases. City Manager Lauhoff responded that construction is projected to start in the summer of 2003 and continued and completed in 2004.

Council thanked Grissim-Metz Associates, Inc. and the Citizen's Group for their work on the project.

05-01-446 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to support the proposed renovation of the Downtown Center including the pavilion and instructed city administration to work with the Downtown Development Authority and the Citizen's Group to bring it to completion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

05-01-447 MOTION by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to reappoint William Burke, William Ingalls and David Gronbach to the Planning Commission for 3-year terms expiring June 15, 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCE ADOPTION

05-01-448 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to adopt Ordinance No. C-680-2001 to establish a Mayor's Youth Council jointly operated by the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell, Bush.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL.

Administration advised that the City has two positions that need to be filled on the Mayor's Youth Council. Administration recommended the appointment of Farmington

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High School students and Farmington residents, Maddie McAuley and Bryan Campbell, who participated in the formation of the Mayor's Youth Council.

The Farmington representatives of the Youth Council, Maddie McAuley and Bryan Campbell, were present along with the Farmington Hills representatives, David Kinchen, Hillary Michalak and Josh Rabinowitz.

05-01-449 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to appoint Maddie McAuley and Bryan Campbell as charter members of the Mayor's Youth Council for terms expiring August 31, 2001. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. C-684-2001 TO AMEND THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM ORDINANCE. Administration advised that as part of employee contract negotiations, the City was required to apply to the Internal Revenue Service to qualify the City's Retirement System so that employee (member) contributions may be considered pre-tax. Administration further advised that the City has been qualified, but as a condition of qualification has been required by the Internal Revenue Service to amend the Retirement System to address this particular issue.

05-01-450 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Bush, to introduce Ordinance No. C-684-2001 that amends the City Code, Chapter 2, Administration, to provide for employer pick-up of member contribution to the Employees' Retirement System pursuant to Section 414, Subsection (n) of the United States Internal Revenue Code and to provide for required distribution pursuant to Section 401 (a)(9) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT PAYMENTS.

05-01-451 MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to place delinquent invoices and delinquent water and sewer bills, in the amount of \$38,621.11, on the 2001 City of Farmington Tax Roll. [SEE ATTACHED].

ROLL CALL

AYES: Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell, Bush, Campbell.
NAYES: None.
ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Bill McNaughton, 22600 Middlebelt, expressed his support of the Tree House and went on to describe, in his opinion, the efficiency and beauty of the gardens in question.

Susan Meinke, Tree House owner, expressed her desire to work with the City in arriving at a resolution to the problem created by the gardens.

Discussion followed regarding earlier litigation involving the building code violations cited against the Tree House.

City Manager Lauhoff clarified that this issue is outside of the Council's jurisdiction.

Other speakers asked Council to consider the mission of the Tree House and its importance to the Community; submitted a letter to Council from the "Friends of the Tree House" in support of the Tree House; and expressed their view that the beauty of the gardens is not only an asset to Mooney Street but to the City.

COUNCIL COMMENT.

City Manager Lauhoff indicated that the joint meeting of the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills regarding the 47th District Court facility construction scheduled for Thursday, May 24, was cancelled due to incomplete bid information. He further indicated that a future date for the meeting has not been set.

MARCH 2001 BOARD OF REVIEW RESULTS.

05-01-452 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Bush, to receive and file the March 2001 Board of Review summary minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY OPERATIONS REPORT JANUARY – MARCH, 2001. Public Safety Director Goss was present to review the Department of Public Safety Operations for the first quarter.

Council thanked Director Goss and his department for their continued effort and good work. Mayor Hartsock indicated the awards ceremony for the Public Safety Department would be held on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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05-01-453 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to receive and file the Public Safety Department Quarterly Operations Report for quarter ending March, 2001.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

05-01-454 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, MAYOR

PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER