

**FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, September 21, 2009, 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 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Knol.

ROLL CALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: City Clerk Halberstadt, City Manager Pastue (arrived 7:45 p.m.), Attorney Schultz (arrived 7:45 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

09-09-180 MOTION by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

- a. **Susan Warner – Farmington Area Arts Commission**
- b. **Scott Stevenson – Farmington Area Arts Commission**

Council interviewed Susan Warner and Scott Stevenson for positions on the Farmington Area Arts Commission.

Council discussed the appointment process for the two Commission openings. Council concurred to make only one appointment that evening to allow Scott Stevenson the opportunity to attend a Commission meeting.

SWOCC ENCODER

City Manager Pastue advised an encoder is a means of communicating the AT&T signal once it is received from SWOCC. He stated historically all public access, education and government (PEG) channels were transmitted through Brighthouse which was the only cable provider. He advised the new AT&T Franchise is paying additional franchise fees for PEG channels which need to be made available to their customers. He stated the encoder is necessary to make this possible.

Responding to a question from Wright, Pastue stated there would be no justification for *not* providing this service to AT&T customers.

Responding to a question from Wiggins, Pastue stated the number of customers for each cable provider is unknown.

Knol advised customers of AT&T are entitled access to PEG channels given AT&T is paying the applicable fees.

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Council expressed support for the purchase of the encoder.

Pastue advised formal approval by Council was unnecessary since the amount is less than \$10K which is under his authority. He noted, however, he will ask for a budget amendment approval for this purchase.

MICHIGAN SUBURBS ALLIANCE PARTICIPATION ENERGY AGREEMENT

Due to time constraints, Pastue requested delaying discussion on the Michigan Suburbs Alliance Participation Energy Agreement until the October 5, 2009 meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Buck noted in the August 2009 minutes, Council was scheduled to discuss SMART this month. Pastue responded it would be placed on the October agenda.

Buck advised the 2010 Census should also be placed on an upcoming agenda. Knol pointed out this discussion should be part of the Public Safety grant position for the apartments.

Discussion followed regarding Council's contribution to the Downtown Scarecrow Building Contest.

ADJOURNMENT

09-09-181 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by McShane, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Valerie S. Knol, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: October 19, 2009