

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 19, 2009

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, October 19, 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 8:13 p.m. by Mayor Knol.

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

ABSENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: Director Gushman, City Clerk Halberstadt, Director Nebus, City Manager Pastue, Attorney Schultz, Treasurer Weber.

CONSENT AGENDA

10-09-205 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Buck, to approve the consent agenda as amended—changing item “F”, to read Fiscal Year 2008-09 Investment Report:

- A. Special meeting minutes of September 8, 2009
- B. Special meeting minutes of September 21, 2009
- C. Regular meeting minutes of September 21, 2009
- D. Public Safety Monthly Report – September 2009
- E. Building Department First Quarter Report ended September 30, 2009
- F. Fiscal Year 2008-09 Investment Report
- G. Farmington Monthly Payments Report – September 2009

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

10-09-206 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Buck, to approve the agenda as amended; under UNFINISHED BUSINESS add item “A”, Consideration to Approve Program Year 2010 Community Development Block Grant Application. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER ROBERT GINTHER

A swearing-in ceremony was held for Robert Ginther, a recently hired Public Safety Officer.

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Director Nebus advised Officer Ginther was hired under the COPS Grant, a federal program that guarantees funding for three years. He stated part of the reason Farmington received the grant was due to the establishment of an apartment watch program.

Director Nebus highlighted the remarkable background of Officer Ginther.

**PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT,
PROGRAM YEAR 2010 APPLICATION**

10-09-207 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to open the public hearing to receive public comment regarding the 2010 Community Development Block Grant Application. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Knol asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

10-09-208 MOTION by Wright, seconded by Buck, to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

Director Nebus, representing the Emergency Preparedness Commission, provided a safety tip of the month concerning installation and maintenance of smoke alarms; and encouraged families to look for “flame-resistant” labels when purchasing Halloween costumes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PROGRAM YEAR 2010 COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

RESOLUTION 10-09-209 Motion by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an application for participation in the 2010 Community Development Block Grant Program. **[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].**

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright, Buck.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ESTIMATE NO. 2 FOR THE SLOCUM
STREET RECONSTRUCTION AND WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT**

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RESOLUTION 10-09-210 MOTION by Wright, seconded by Buck, to approve payment of Construction Estimate No. 2 to FDM Contracting in the amount of \$88,449.41 for work completed on the Slocum Street Reconstruction and Water Main Improvement Project.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: McShane, Wiggins, Wright, Buck, Knol.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ESTIMATE NO. 5 FOR THE GRAND RIVER STREETScape AND WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION 10-09-211 MOTION by Wright, seconded by McShane, to approve payment of Construction Estimate No. 5 to Peter A. Basile Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$176,911.02 for work completed on the Grand River Streetscape and Water Main Improvement Project.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Wiggins, Wright, Buck, Knol, McShane.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PROPOSALS FOR REPLACEMENT OF PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC COMPUTER AT THE NINE MILE PUMP STATION/RETENTION BASIN

RESOLUTION 10-09-212 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to accept proposals for replacement of a programmable logic computer at the Nine Mile Pump Station/Retention Basin and award to the low bidder, Aggressive Systems Inc. of Farmington Hills, in the amount of \$33,900.00.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Wright, Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 2010 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Buck requested City Administration send out Council meeting packets on Thursday prior to the meeting rather than the current practice of Friday.

Pastue responded his office would comply with this request.

Discussion followed regarding the option of changing the July meeting date to the first Monday. Council concurred to keep the July 19th date, but possibly reconsider a change sometime in the future.

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RESOLUTION 10-09-213 Motion by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the 2010 City Council meeting schedule as presented. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hank Borgman, 34011 Grand River, requested information regarding the CDBG application. Pastue explained how the funds from the grant are distributed in conjunction with Farmington Hills.

Betty Borgman, 34011 Grand River, asked when she would be receiving a property tax receipt. Treasurer Weber responded the City does not send out property tax receipts.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Wright noted Mayor Knol did an excellent job in responding to questions from the Boy Scout Troup who were present earlier.

McShane recommended that if there is a ballot proposal on an upcoming election ballot, the City newsletter with an explanation of the proposal language should go out early enough to allow residents enough time to review.

McShane requested the Council meet to discuss options regarding the Civic Theatre.

McShane asked about the format of the city calendar. Pastue responded he will know within the next week whether or not the City will produce a calendar for next year. He stated they continue to look for sponsorship of the calendar.

Wiggins noted the City received notice from the Michigan Municipal League that Farmington was a recipient of a Loss Control Achievement Award.

Wiggins recognized the City's efforts to maintain the pedestrian crossing sign at Farmington Road and State Street.

Pastue advised the City's modification factor for Workers Compensation was .69 which means the City is better than 30% less than other communities.

Pastue further advised Director Gushman received a letter from the Road Commission for Oakland County indicating they will discuss with their legal council regarding the City's request to keep the pedestrian sign on Farmington Road.

Knol noted a second grade class from Longacre Elementary School will be displaying posters at Big Apple Bagel regarding the Streetscape Project.

Knol thanked Karen Buck for her creative efforts in creating the Council scarecrow display.

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Knol noted the ribbon cutting for the Streetscape Project was scheduled for the following Saturday.

In recognition of her last meeting as Mayor, Knol thanked Council, City Administration and the residents of Farmington for providing the opportunity to serve. She stated her greatest accomplishment was involvement in the passage of the Streetscape Bond and the subsequent achievement of the Streetscape Project. She also cited the accomplishment of televising Council meetings and looked forward to an updated website.

Knol recognized Council's ability to work together and their respectfulness of each others opinions. She discussed the economic challenges Council is facing ahead.

Knol stated her support for Tom Buck as the next Mayor.

Knol discussed the reason this would be her last meeting as Mayor. She was selected by the American Council of Young Political Leaders to be a delegate to India for a ten-day political exchange program. In her application to this program, she had selected India as her first choice because Farmington has a large Indian population.

Council congratulated Knol on her wonderful job as Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT

10-09-214 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Valerie S. Knol, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: November 16, 2009