

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, December 19, 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 McShane.

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

ABSENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Gushman, Deputy Clerk Halberstadt, Director Nebus, City Manager Pastue, Assistant City Manager Richards.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**12-05-274** MOTION by Knol, seconded by Buck, to approve the agenda as amended, adding item 5D, Update from County Commissioner Mike Rogers. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**12-05-275** MOTION by Sutherland, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the regular and special meeting minutes of December 5, 2005. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION – BOB MCDONALD, WATER DEPARTMENT**

Bob McDonald, Farmington employee, was recognized for his efforts in aiding a seriously injured resident in her home.

**OATH OF OFFICE FOR MAYOR’S YOUTH COUNCIL**

Members of the Mayor’s Youth Council were present to provide an update on their activities and to take the oath of office.

**PRESENTATION, GOVERNOR WARNER MANSION – DICK CARVELL**

Dick Carvell provided an update on Mansion activities including recent purchases, public attendance, and events held over the past year. He advised that a bronze bust of Fred Warner has been commissioned and the unveiling would take place sometime in May 2006. He discussed fundraising events planned for the following year.

**MIKE ROGERS, OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Rogers provided an update on issues of importance to the City including proposed changes to Grand River Avenue and consideration of SMART services.

Mayor McShane asked for any assistance Commissioner Rogers might provide regarding the City's consideration of changes to SMART services. Commissioner Rogers responded that he would be glad to attend any future meetings regarding this matter. He stated that the County is addressing this issue from a regional standpoint.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST – AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE**

Administration advised that the American Cancer Society has petitioned the City to hold a fundraising event in Shiawassee Park in May 2006. Administration further advised that City staff had met with representatives from the American Cancer Society to address a number of operational issues that would be applicable to the event.

Cheryl Donohue, representing the American Cancer Society, was present to respond to questions.

Councilmember Sutherland requested that the issue of parking be addressed in order to avoid conflict with services at Our Lady of Sorrows. Donohue responded that they intend to contact the School's administration to investigate the possible use of parking lots at the administration building and/or Farmington High School.

Councilmember Knol stated her support for the event.

Mayor McShane also expressed her support for the event. She asked how the City could provide further assistance. Donohue responded that she would welcome volunteers to serve on the planning committee or act as team captains. She also asked for the opportunity to have a representative speak to local organizations regarding the event.

Mayor McShane requested that Ms. Donohue provide an event information sheet to the City Manager for distribution to local organizations.

**RESOLUTION 12-05-276** Motion by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to approve a special event request from the American Cancer Society to conduct a *Relay for Life* event in Shiawassee Park to begin on Friday, May 19 and conclude on Sunday, May 21, 2006. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**RESIGNATION FROM TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD**

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**12-05-277** MOTION by Sutherland, seconded by Knol, to accept the resignation of Jeffrey Rehbine from the Traffic and Safety Board effective February 1, 2006. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT FLEX PLAN WAIVER AMENDMENT**

Administration advised that a federal law change has enabled employers to amend their flexible benefit plans to provide a waiver that allows a two and one-half month extension to the plan year. Administration further advised that there would be no additional cost to the City.

**RESOLUTION 12-05-278** Motion by Knol, seconded by Sutherland, to adopt an amendment to the City of Farmington Michigan Flexible Benefits Plan effective January 1, 2006 that would provide a 2 ½ month grace period following the close of each plan year. [SEE ATTACHED AMENDMENT]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION OF STATE TRUNKLINE OPERATING PERMIT AND INDEMNIFICATION RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION 12-05-279** Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Buck, to adopt a resolution to indemnify the State of Michigan from liability created by City activities on the State trunkline right-of-way and to authorize the City Manager or Director of Public Services to make application for annual permits for the installation of banners and for work on State highways. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2006**

**RESOLUTION 12-05-280** Motion by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to adopt a resolution setting the 2006 Council meeting schedule. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CHATHAM HILLS FOOTING DRAIN DISCONNECT PROGRAM CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE #3**

**RESOLUTION 12-05-281** Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Buck, to approve payment of construction estimate no. 3 to Bidigare Contractors in the amount of \$119,572.32 for work completed on the Chatham Hills Footing Drain Disconnect Project.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE VAN**

Administration advised that the Fiscal Year 2005/06 budget contains funds to replace the van currently used by the City Manager. Administration recommended the purchase of a new van using the State bid.

**RESOLUTION 12-05-282** Motion by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the purchase of a new 2006 Dodge Caravan, from Bill Snethkamp – Fleet, Lansing, Michigan, in the amount of \$17,032.20, as a replacement vehicle for the City Manager.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT SOCIAL SECURITY PRIVACY POLICY**

Administration advised that the City has drafted a Social Security Privacy Policy based on the Social Security Number Privacy Act passed by the State of Michigan in 2004.

**RESOLUTION 12-05-283** Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Sutherland, to adopt a City of Farmington Social Security Number Privacy Policy effective January 1, 2006. [SEE ATTACHED POLICY]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TAXI SERVICE RECIPROCAL RESOLUTION FOR SUPER BOWL WEEK**

Administration advised that the Detroit Super Bowl Host Committee has asked communities to adopt a resolution that would allow licensed cabs in Metro Detroit to operate within each city.

**RESOLUTION 12-05-284** Motion by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to authorize the City of Farmington's participation in a reciprocal agreement for licensed cab vendors as presented by the Detroit Super Bowl Host Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**2004-2005 CITY OF FARMINGTON INVESTMENT REPORT**

**12-05-285** MOTION by Sutherland, seconded by Wiggins, to receive and file the Farmington Investment Report for Fiscal-Year 2004-2005. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dick Carvell, 33906 State Street, requested information regarding the 2006 Council meeting schedule.

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Ted Huff, Farmington resident, requested clarification of the 2006 Council meeting schedule.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

Councilmember Buck stated that after a review of a proposed ordinance to allow 40' buildings in the Downtown District, he measured the Cook Building and discovered its height to be 35'. He noted that an additional 5' would not significantly impact the look of the Downtown.

Discussion followed regarding the inclusion of decorative arches, parapets, etc. in height calculations.

Councilmember Wiggins expressed regret at the resignation of Jeffrey Rehbine from the Traffic and Safety Board and asked about the availability of candidates. Pastue responded that an article had been placed in the City's quarterly newsletter requesting applications for open positions on Boards and Commissions.

Mayor McShane requested that Administration provide Council with a list of openings along with a supply of applications, self-addressed envelopes and descriptions of each position.

Mayor McShane noted a letter received from Sergeant Paul Shakinas of the Walled Lake Police Department expressing his appreciation for the professionalism displayed by Sergeant Anderson, Officer Brown and Dispatcher Weber in response to his emergency call to Farmington while he was off duty. Mayor McShane asked that Director Nebus express the City's gratitude to these individuals for their exemplary performance.

Mayor McShane stated that in a recent meeting with Senator Jacobs discussion included the passage of the Corridor Improvement Authority Act. She explained that the Act provides financial assistance for the redevelopment of commercial areas and advised that this could be another tool in assisting businesses in Farmington that lie outside of the Downtown Business District. She stated that she has requested that Senator Jacobs attend a meeting with City Council to explain this Act.

Council agreed to keep the time for the January 3, 2006 meeting at 7:00 PM.

Wiggins advised that the Goodfellows had received 25% fewer donations than last year, but were still able to deliver over 100 food boxes to seniors, over 150 food boxes to families and approximately 400 children received gifts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**12-05-286** MOTION by Sutherland, seconded by Knol, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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JoAnne M. McShane, Mayor

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Patsy K. Cantrell, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Susan K. Halberstadt, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: January 17, 2006