

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, February 2, 2004 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 Campbell.

PRESENT: Campbell, Knol, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: Bush.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Pastue, Assistant City Manager Richards, City Attorney Schultz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

02-04-023 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

02-04-024 Motion by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the special meeting minutes of January 17, 2004 and regular and study session minutes of January 20, 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION: CARA MILLER, PUNT, PASS & KICK NATIONAL CHAMPION IN HER 9-YEAR-OLD AGE GROUP.

Council presented a proclamation to Cara Miller in recognition of her achievement as the national champion of the 2003 NFL-Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick Competition in the 9-year-old age group.

Cara briefly spoke about her experience at the competition.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) DIRECTOR QUARTERLY REPORT

Director Morgan provided an update on the status of the Main Street Program. He stated that as a result the program, volunteers have been mobilized, committees have been structured and a master plan is nearing completion. He further stated that in order to continue program momentum, the DDA Board has asked each Main Street committee to develop a work plan that will be formally approved by the board. He advised that this process would provide both a focus for the committees and an opportunity for the Board to define their role.

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Morgan reviewed the accomplishments and goals of each of the Main Street Committees. He thanked Joe Mantey from the Economic Restructuring Committee for compiling the market analysis data. He further thanked Council member Knol for retrieving surveys from the business owners, Council member McShane and Steve Schneeman of the Design Committee for their assistance, and the Council for their ongoing support of the Main Street program.

In conclusion, he expressed his expectation that the five phases and goals of a Main Street Community, as defined by Oakland County, will be achieved.

Responding to a question from Council member McShane, Morgan stated that an e-mail was sent out regarding the times and dates of the Main Street Committee meetings. He further stated that this information could be included as an insert in the tri-fold of the walking map of the downtown. In response to McShane's concern that that the meetings need to be publicized, Morgan responded that a meeting schedule could be sent to the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission and included in the City newsletter.

Responding to a question from Council member Knol, Morgan stated that the Main Street newsletter will be published quarterly and the first one should be completed in approximately one month.

Council member Knol expressed concern regarding the delay of the Design Committee's review of the sign ordinance, façade design and outdoor seating until after the Master Plan is approved. She advised that there is currently sufficient information from the proposed Master Plan to allow a sub-committee to move forward with their review. Morgan responded that before moving forward with a review, additional Committee volunteers would need to be recruited.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

PETITION – MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Administration advised that Walter Christensen, representing the Veterans Organizations of the Farmington area, requested permission to use Grand River for the annual Memorial Day Parade.

RESOLUTION 02-04-025 Motion by Knol, seconded by McShane, to approve the use of Grand River for the Veteran's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; that the State of Michigan, Department of Transportation, be held harmless from any liability resulting from the closing of Grand River and to

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authorize the Public Safety Department to file for the appropriate permits with the Michigan Department of Transportation. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PETITION – DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) EVENTS FOR 2004

Administration advised that DDA Executive Director Morgan has requested permission to conduct DDA events during the 2004 calendar year and has provided Council with a list of proposed events.

Director Morgan spoke briefly regarding the 2004 DDA events.

RESOLUTION 02-04-026 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to approve the Downtown Development Authority events planned for calendar year 2004, in the manner described and during the dates and times listed in the request. [SEE ATTACHED PROPOSED EVENT SCHEDULE]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF REVIEW

02-04-027 Motion by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to appoint Thomas Kileen to the Board of Review to complete a three-year term expiring December 31, 2005. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

RESOLUTION – DETROIT WATER AND SEWER HIKES

Administration advised that revisions have been made, as requested earlier by Council, to a draft resolution submitted by the Oakland County Drain Commission requesting a moratorium on Detroit water and sewer rate increases. Administration further advised that the revisions included a request for a moratorium on rate increases for the purpose of evaluating the entire rate setting process and to retain an outside independent consultant to evaluate the efficiency of the system. Administration advised that the office of Drain Commissioner McCullough has reviewed and accepted the revisions.

Council member McShane noted that the revisions add more strength to the resolution. She expressed her hope that the resolution would result in a progressive dialogue with the Detroit Water and Sewer Department.

City Manager Pastue noted a correction in the fifth paragraph of the resolution, changing the word ability to inability.

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RESOLUTION 02-04-028 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to adopt a revised resolution, as corrected, from Oakland County Drain Commission John P. McCullough, requesting a moratorium on Detroit Water and Sewer rate increases until both an assessment of the entire rate-setting process and an independent evaluation of the efficiency of the system are completed. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RATIFICATION OF POAM COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Administration advised that a tentative collective bargaining agreement has been reached with the Police Officers Association of Michigan and that the agreement was ratified by the bargaining unit at a January 23, 2004 meeting.

RESOLUTION 02-04-029 Motion by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to approve a three-year renewal collective bargaining agreement between the City of Farmington and the Public Safety Officers Association of Michigan, effective January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2007; benefit changes defined in the January 15, 2004 Tentative Settlement Agreement. [SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT].

ROLL CALL

AYES: Knol, McShane, Mitchell, Campbell.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: Bush.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPOINT PLAN ADMINISTRATOR FOR FARMINGTON RETIREE HEALTH CARE PLAN

Administration advised that the Board of Trustees for the Farmington Retiree Health Care Plan has recommended the appointment of Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell as Plan Administrator.

RESOLUTION 02-04-030 Motion by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to appoint Clerk/Treasurer Patsy K. Cantrell as the Plan Administrator for the Farmington Retiree Health Care Plan. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Annabelle Gabel questioned residency requirements for City officials and officers. Mayor Campbell responded that the City Charter defines residency requirements.

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Mayor Campbell cited a letter from Estralee Michaelson of the "Call to Action Coalition", recognizing the involvement of Officer Christine Schutz and Director Goss in the "Drug Trends" program.

FINANCIAL REPORT: QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

02-04-031 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to receive and file the financial report for quarter ended December 31, 2003. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENTS REPORT

02-04-032 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to approve the monthly payments report for January 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

02-04-033 Motion by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

ARNOLD T. CAMPBELL, Mayor

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

