

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, November 21, 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 Pro Tem McShane.

PRESENT: John T. Buck, Valerie S. Knol, Joanne M. McShane,
Karen E. Sutherland, Michael J. Wiggins.

ABSENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Nebus, City Manager
Pastue, Attorney Schultz.

Students from Mercy High School led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11-05-259 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the agenda as submitted.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

11-05-260 MOTION by Buck, seconded by Sutherland, to appoint City Manager Pastue
to act as temporary chairman for the organization of Council. MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

City Manager Pastue called for nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Councilmember Knol nominated JoAnne McShane for the Office of Mayor.

11-05-261 MOTION by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to elect JoAnne McShane for the
Office of Mayor. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM

City Manager Pastue called for nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor McShane nominated Councilmember Knol for the Office of Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Sutherland nominated Councilmember Wiggins for the Office of Mayor
Pro Tem.

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Councilmember Knol received the affirmative vote of three Councilmembers (McShane, Buck, Knol) confirming her election as Mayor Pro Tem.

City Manager Pastue turned the responsibility of Chair over to newly elected Mayor McShane.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Wiggins

11-05-262 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the regular and special meeting minutes of November 7, 2005 and special meetings minutes of November 16, 2005. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS SERVING ON BOARDS/COMMISSIONS

At the request of Mayor McShane, Councilmembers volunteered to serve on the following Boards and Commissions:

Farmington Employee Retirement	-	Councilmember Buck
Farmington Retiree Health Care Board of Trustees	-	Mayor McShane
Planning Commission	-	Mayor Pro Tem Knol
Board of Zoning Appeals	-	Mayor McShane
Farmington Election Commission	-	Councilmember Wiggins
Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission	-	Councilmember Buck
Southeast Michigan Council of Governments(S.E.M.C.O.G.)		Councilmember Sutherland
8 Mile Boulevard Association	-	Mayor McShane
Farmington Area Founders Festival	-	Mayor McShane
Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council	-	Councilmember Sutherland

Mayor McShane noted that other Boards and Commissions are voluntary and Councilmembers can attend as they choose.

11-05-263 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Buck, to accept Council appointments to Boards and Commissions as established. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT

State Representative Vagnozzi congratulated Mayor McShane and Mayor Pro Tem Knol on their appointments and new Council members Tom Buck, Karen Sutherland and Mike Wiggins on their successful election to office. He stated that he is looking forward to working with the new Council.

Hank Borgman, 34011 Grand River, welcomed the new Councilmembers. He expressed concern regarding proposed parking changes in the Downtown area and the cost to the City.

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Councilmember Buck expressed his enthusiasm for serving on Council and the opportunity to work with a great team. He requested a study session to review the process for electing the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

Councilmember Wiggins expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on Council. He stated his commitment to listening to Farmington residents.

Councilmember Knol expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. She read the following press release from Congressman Joe Knollenberg:

As Chairman of the Transportation Treasury and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, Congressman Joe Knollenberg has guided federal funding to several important projects in the 9th Congressional District of Michigan and across the state.

“This is my first year as Chairman of the Committee and it has been an extraordinarily challenging budget cycle. Nevertheless I am very pleased that my committee was able to assist so many beneficial programs both in my district and across Michigan Chairman Knollenberg said. In this bill we tried very hard to rein in spending on duplicative and unnecessary programs, to prioritize programs so that every federal dollar was well spent, and to ensure that taxpayers are getting the most bang for their buck. At the same time we maintained support for important responsible and efficient programs and projects Knollenberg continued.”

Chairman Knollenberg’s funding bill is slated to soon be given final approval by both Congress and the President. The legislation contains over \$12 million in funding for several road projects including the Northwestern Highway extension, the Eleven Mile Road project, the Livernois Road project in Rochester Hills, the Crooks Road project in Clawson, Fast Track signal installations, University Drive project in Rochester and the Maple Road lane addition. This bill also includes funding towards I-75 widening between Eight Mile and M-59. Also included are \$3 million in funds for highway research projects through the Detroit Science Center and Traffic Improvement Association and an anti-rollover technology research project. The Detroit Metro Airport will receive approximately \$14 million for runway and technology improvements. In addition, \$6.8 million in funds will be provided through the Federal Transit Administration for SMART and Automation Alley’s partnership with Bus Solutions.

In his bill, Knollenberg also improved funding for local projects through the Department of Housing and Urban Development including funds for the Detroit Zoo, the City of Farmington for Shiawassee Park and ADA compliant ramp, Unity Park in Pontiac, Caesar Chavez Avenue in Pontiac, Walsh College, Jewish Vocational Services, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexics in Troy and Michigan Jewish Institute and Auto Heritage.

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Knol advised that Farmington is receiving federal funds for the switchback project in Shiawassee Park. She stated that the switchback would replace the current stairway that leads up to the Farmington Training Center. She noted that the funding of \$500K would include \$350K for the switchback and \$150K for park improvements.

On behalf of the City of Farmington, Knol expressed appreciation to Congressman Knollenberg for his efforts. She stated that during his tenure in Congress he has served his constituents well by securing funding for important projects in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area. She noted that he understands the importance of downtowns, the critical part the switchback will play in providing better access from Downtown to Shiawassee Park and furthering the goal of making the Downtown more pedestrian-friendly. She stated that the switchback is a very unique project that will help differentiate the City of Farmington from other communities. She advised that Farmington is at a turning point and will continue to undergo changes in order to keep it competitive with other communities. She noted that changes brought about by progress can be temporarily stressful and inconvenient, but necessary for the long-term vitality of the City.

Mayor McShane recommended that Council send a letter to Congressman Knollenberg thanking him for his support. She thanked her family and friends for their love and support. She also thanked the current City Council for supporting her as Mayor and assured them that she will perform her responsibilities to the best of her ability.

City Manager Pastue asked Council to consider possible dates for a special meeting to orient new Councilmembers on the City's finances and discuss major City projects.

ADJOURNMENT

11-05-264 MOTION by Sutherland, seconded by Wiggins, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

JoAnne M. McShane, Mayor

Patsy K. Cantrell, City Clerk/Treasurer

Susan K. Halberstadt, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: December 5, 2005