

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, October 2, 2000 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 Hartsock.

**PRESENT:** Bush, Hartsock, Mitchell.

**ABSENT:** None.

**CITY REPRESENTATIVES:** Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Attorney Donohue, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**10-00-263** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Bush, to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**10-00-264** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the minutes of the Special and Regular meetings of September 18, 2000 as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS**

**10-00-265** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Bush, to receive and file the minutes of the following Boards and Commissions:

- Downtown Development Authority minutes of September 12, 2000.
- Traffic and Safety Board minutes of September 21, 2000.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**10-00-266** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to accept the resignation of John Washburn from the Farmington Area Commission on Aging and send a letter to Mr. Washburn thanking him for his years of service to the City. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PRESENTATION: MR. MICHAEL CSAPO, GENERAL MANAGER, RESOURCE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY OF SOUTHWEST OAKLAND COUNTY (RRRASOC) – SOLID WASTE COST SURVEY.**

Mr. Michael Csapo, General Manager, RRRASOC, reviewed for Council an update of it's Solid Waste Cost Survey. Mr. Csapo indicated this update provides a benchmark of the success of RRRASOC and an opportunity to examine its' program in terms of character, quality and price. It also verifies that Farmington's contractor, Waste Management, Inc., is in compliance with *Most Favored Nation* provision that ensures competitive pricing.

Council questioned why rates for curbside service for some communities is so much higher. Mr. Csapo responded the higher rates could be the result of different service criteria and a function of geography and location.

Mayor Hartsock and Council thanked Mr. Csapo for his presentation.

**REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR TAXICAB RATE INCREASE**

The City is currently served by the Northwest Transport Company of Livonia that operates the Yellow & Red Cab and Suburban Checker Cab and the ABC Cab Company of Redford. Due to significant increases in insurance costs, gasoline costs, general operations and maintenance costs, the ABC Cab Company has requested a rate increase. The City of Farmington Hills who, with Farmington, jointly operates the Dial-A-Ride program for our residents, has already authorized an increase. The City of Farmington last authorized an increase in taxicab rates in February, 1994. The increase as requested is approximately 5.5% per year over the last 6 years. Even though this figure is greater than the cost of living increase, it is well under the increases incurred to operate a vehicle.

Council questioned why Cab Companies charge at different mileage percentages from city to city. City Manager Lauhoff responded that although this difference does occur, Cab companies are working to make mileage charges uniform because oftentimes cab drivers do not even know what city they're in.

**10-00-267** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Bush, to adopt a resolution authorizing an increase in taxicab rates. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

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**ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Hartsock, Mitchell, Bush  
**NAYES:** None.  
**ABSENT:** Campbell, McShane.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ORDINANCE ADOPTION**

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #C-674-2000 TO AMEND FARMINGTON CITY CODE, CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE III, OFFENSES AGAINST THE PERSON, TO INCLUDE DOMESTIC ASSAULT AND BATTERY WITH PENALTY.**

**10-00-268** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to adopt Ordinance #C-674-2000 to amend Farmington City Code, Chapter 20, Article III, Offenses Against the Person, to include Domestic Assault and Battery with Penalty.

**ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Mitchell, Bush, Hartsock  
**NAYS:** None.  
**ABSENT:** Campbell, McShane

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #C-675-2000 TO AMEND FARMINGTON CITY CODE, CHAPTER 19, NUISANCES RE: SHOPPING CARTS.**

**10-00-269** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Bush, to adopt Ordinance #C-675-2000 to amend Farmington City Code, Chapter 19, Nuisances, to add section 19-97(7) to prohibit the improper placement of commercial merchandise carts.

**ROLL CALL**

**AYES:** Bush, Hartsock, Mitchell  
**NAYS:** None.  
**ABSENT:** Campbell, McShane.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Annabelle Grabel, 23089 Violet, inquired about the status of the property at Grand River and Orchard roads and commented on the vacancy in the Uptown Plaza. City Manager Lauhoff stated there had been no recent contact with the four owners of that property.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Council member Bush reminded the Council and audience about the blood drive on October 13, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm, for Mr. Bob Plummer, President of the Library Board. Council member Bush encouraged everyone to call and make an appointment to give blood.

**FINANCIAL REPORT: QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2000.**

**10-00-270** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Bush, to receive and file the Financial Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO SET MEETING FOR COUNCIL MISSION STATEMENT AND 2001 GOALS.**

**10-00-271** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to set the date of November 16, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of defining Council mission statement and setting 2001 goals. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO ADJUST SPECIAL MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR CITY COUNCIL**

**10-00-272** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Bush, to cancel the meeting with the 47<sup>th</sup> District Court on November 6, 2000 and schedule a special joint meeting with the Farmington and Farmington Hills' Councils to hear the report and recommendations of the Court Planning Committee for Monday, November 27, 2000 at 7:00 p.m.; and schedule a special meeting with the Governor Warner Mansion Committee on November 6, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmington City Hall. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENTS REPORT**

**10-00-273** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the Monthly payments Report for September, 2000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**10-00-274** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Bush, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, MAYOR

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PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER