

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, February 16, 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 8:02 p.m. by Mayor Campbell.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Knol, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

02-04-034 Motion by Bush, seconded by McShane, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

02-04-035 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to approve the study session and regular meeting minutes of February 2, 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Administration advised that four of five members of the Historical Commission whose terms expire in March 2004 have agreed to serve another term, however, a fifth member has declined due to job commitments, leaving a vacancy on the Commission.

Council concurred to delay reappointment of Ernest Sauter to the Library Board of Directors until concerns regarding his future residency are resolved.

02-04-036 Motion by Bush, seconded by McShane, to reappoint Robert Baessler, Keith Grattan, William Lindblad and Donald Munter to the Historical Commission for three-year terms ending March 2007. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF "LIGHTS, CAMERA, CALL TO ACTION"

Administration advised that the Call to Action Coalition (CAC), with the endorsement of the Civic Theatre Committee, has proposed conducting a "Lights, Camera, Call to Action" event at the Civic Theatre. Administration further advised that this event would

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provide public service announcements from students addressing topics consistent with the CAC's mission.

Administration also advised that the CAC has planned a "Walk of Fame" in front of the Theatre, providing sponsors the opportunity to have a temporary "star" on the sidewalk.

RESOLUTION 02-04-037 Motion by McShane, seconded by Knol, to approve a request by the Call to Action Coalition to conduct a "Lights, Camera, Call to Action" event at the Civic Theatre on Thursday, April 1, 2004; and the use of a spotlight and tempera "stars" on the sidewalk in front of the Theatre for the "Walk of Fame" event scheduled from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATION – ROUGE RIVER BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT

Administration, in partnership with *Friends of the Rouge* and Farmington Riparians, requested authorization to submit a grant application under the Great Lakes Basin Program for participation in the Urban Erosion Control Demonstration Project.

Administration advised that the grant would take a 75-foot section of eroded stream bank in Shiawassee Park and create a 25-foot wide buffer to stem erosion.

RESOLUTION 02-04-038 Motion by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application, under the Great Lakes Basin Program, to participate in a stream bank stabilization project, for a maximum grant amount of \$7,500 with a 25% local match provided through in-kind volunteer services. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESOLUTION TO DEACTIVATE THE COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Administration recommended that Council adopt a resolution to deactivate the Commission on the Environment (COE) and establish a Beautification Awards Committee. Administration advised that this recommendation is a result of the desire by some COE members to focus more of their attention on the Main Street Program and others to work on a more informal basis. Administration advised that deactivation would allow the Commission to be activated at a later date.

Responding to a question from Council, City Manager Pastue stated that all members of the COE would be invited to serve on the Beautification Awards Committee and that the Committee could be expanded to include other projects as well.

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RESOLUTION 02-04-039 Motion by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to adopt a resolution to deactivate the Commission on the Environment, effective January 1, 2004 and to establish a Beautification Committee of up to seven members. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY ACTUARIAL VALUATION

Administration advised that as a result of a retirement benefit change in a recently ratified collective bargaining agreement with the Public Safety Employees bargaining unit, a supplemental actuarial valuation was secured and requires approval, as set forth in Public Act 314 of 1965, as amended.

RESOLUTION 02-04-040 Motion by McShane, seconded by Knol, to receive and file a supplemental actuarial valuation of changes in benefits, calculating the long-term costs associated with the elimination of the social security offset provision provided in the Public Safety Officers (POAM) employment agreement effective January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2007. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RENEWAL OF PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

Administration advised that the last Principal Shopping District (PSD) Special Assessment expired with the December 2003 tax bill and as a result the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board has recommended renewal of the assessment for a three-year period in the amount of \$450,000. Administration further advised that the DDA Board has recommended a three-year plan due to the expectation that Main Street will be fully functional within that time period. Administration requested the scheduling of a public hearing to accept comment regarding the special assessment district.

Responding to a question from Council, DDA Executive Director Morgan stated that transitioning the responsibility for DDA promotions from the DDA to Main Street Committees would begin this year.

Responding to an additional question from Council, City Manager Pastue stated that the line item for repairs and maintenance could be removed in the future from the PSD assessment budget so that more funds are made available for marketing and promotions.

RESOLUTION 02-04-041 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Bush, to adopt a resolution to hold a public hearing on Monday, March 15, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. to receive comment regarding the renewal of the Principal Shopping District Special Assessment. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None were heard.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Council member Knol asked if formal action would be taken to establish a study committee for the Historic District tax credit program. City Manager Pastue responded that a request to establish a committee would be brought to Council at the March 1, 2004 meeting.

At the request of Council member Bush, Director Goss explained the meaning behind the "Stephanie" pin that he was wearing. He stated that Stephanie, the eleven-year-old daughter of a Public Safety Department employee, is fighting a brain tumor. He further stated that part of the proceeds from these pins, purchased by City staff in support of Stephanie, goes towards cancer research.

Council congratulated DDA Director Brent Morgan on his recent engagement.

Council member Mitchell noted the one-year anniversary of City Manager Pastue's employment with the City.

AMENDMENT TO CITY MANAGER'S SALARY AND BENEFITS

Mayor Campbell stated that based on a recent positive performance evaluation of City Manager Pastue, Council has recommended an increase in his salary and benefits.

RESOLUTION 02-04-42 Motion by Bush, seconded by McShane, to request that the City Attorney prepare an amendment to the City Manager's Employment Agreement, dated January 22, 2003, specifying the following changes: a salary increase of 5%; increased contribution from 10% to 12% to the International City/County Management Association-Retirement Corporation (ICMA-RC) on the employee's behalf; and a one-time relocation offset payment of \$1,500; and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the amendment on behalf of the City.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Campbell, Knol, McShane, Mitchell, Bush.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ADJOURNMENT

02-04-43 Motion by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ARNOLD T. CAMPBELL, Mayor

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

