

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, June 6, 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 Campbell.

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

ABSENT: None.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**06-05-130** MOTION by Knol, seconded by McShane, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**06-05-131** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the special and regular meeting minutes of May 16, 2005; and jointly funded agencies budget meeting minutes of May 12, 2005. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**LEILANI THORN – MISS OAKLAND COUNTY 2004 AND INTRODUCTION OF 2005 CONTESTANTS**

Leilani Thorn shared her experience as Miss Oakland County 2004. Contestants for the 2005 competition introduced themselves and discussed their platforms.

**PRESENTATION FROM FARMINGTON YOUTH ASSISTANCE STUDENT VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS**

Pam Lyle, representing Farmington Youth Assistance, recognized four students who were recently honored at a volunteer recognition luncheon. She requested that the students introduce themselves and briefly discuss their volunteer service. Student volunteers, Audra Lachman, Ann Marie Brouillette, Cheryl Maus and Yelena Plishkina spoke about the various services in which they were involved.

Lyle thanked Council for their continuing support of youth services in the community.

Council thanked the students for their outstanding volunteer efforts.

**PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FY 2005-06 BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX RATE**

Mayor Campbell opened the public hearing and at his request, City Manager Pastue reviewed the proposed budget and tax rate for the 2005-06 fiscal year, noting a slight reduction in the millage rate as a result of a successful referendum for the library. Following Pastue's comments, Mayor Campbell invited public comment. There being no public comment, Mayor Campbell called for a motion to close the public hearing.

**06-05-132** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC HEARING – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, DOWNTOWN CENTER PARKING IMPROVEMENTS**

Pastue advised that Council passed a resolution at the May 16, 2005 Council meeting scheduling a public hearing regarding review and confirmation of the special assessment roll for the Downtown Center Improvement Project and further advised that proper notice had been provided. He noted that a letter had been received from Kimco Realty stating their opposition to the special assessment.

Mayor Campbell opened the public hearing and invited public comment.

Attorney Tom Rauch, representing Kimco Realty, stated his client's technical objection to the special assessment.

Hearing no further comment, Mayor Campbell called for a motion to close the public hearing.

**06-05-133** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**RESIGNATION FROM BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

**06-05-134** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to accept the resignation of Steve Schneemann from the Board of Zoning Appeals effective immediately and direct administration to send a letter of appreciation for his service to the City. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT FY 2005-2006 BUDGET AND ESTABLISH MILLAGE RATES**

Administration recommended that Council approve a resolution to adopt the 2005-06 fiscal year budget and establish the local tax millage rate for 2005.

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**RESOLUTION 06-05-135** Motion by Bush, seconded by Knol, to adopt the 2005-2006 fiscal year budget and establish the local property millage rate for 2005. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Campbell, Knol, McShane, Mitchell, Bush.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT FY 2005-2006 JOINT AGENCY AND AUTHORITY BUDGETS**

Administration advised that separate budgets have been established for the Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Joint Agencies and the 47<sup>th</sup> District Court and recommended their adoption.

**RESOLUTION 06-05-136** Motion by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to adopt the 2005-2006 fiscal year budgets for the Farmington Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, 47<sup>th</sup> District Court and Joint Agencies. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Mitchell, Bush, Campbell.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT 2005 PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

Administration noted that this is the second year of the three-year assessment and recommended adoption of the special assessment roll.

**RESOLUTION 06-05-137** Motion by McShane, seconded by Bush, to adopt a resolution approving the 2005 Principal Shopping District Special Assessment Roll as presented. [SEE ATTACHED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL].

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: McShane, Mitchell, Bush, Campbell, Knol.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #5 FOR DOWNTOWN CENTER IMPROVEMENTS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

Administration advised that Resolution #5 for the Downtown Center Improvements Project establishes the amount of the assessment roll and recommended Council's

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approval. Administration requested deletion of paragraph nine of the resolution due to the redundancy of that provision, as recommended by the City Attorney.

Councilmember Mitchell, responding to Kimco Realty's objection to the special assessment during the public hearing, stated his belief that Downtown Center improvements will benefit Kimco Realty tenants now and in years to come.

**RESOLUTION 06-05-138** Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Bush, to adopt Resolution No. 5 for the Downtown Center Improvements Special Assessment District that confirms the assessment roll for the district; and to delete paragraph nine of the resolution as recommended by the City Attorney. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

**ROLL CALL**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATION FROM THE RILEY FOUNDATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DOWNTOWN PARK**

Administration advised that the Riley Foundation has made a donation toward the construction of the Downtown Park and in return the City would commit to naming the Park after George F. Riley.

Mayor Campbell recognized the tremendous contribution that Mr. Riley has made to the City and the impact the Downtown improvements will have on future generations.

Mitchell expressed his gratitude to Mr. Riley for his contribution that has encouraged the City to develop and adopt its current plans.

**RESOLUTION 06-05-139** Motion by McShane, seconded by Knol, to adopt a resolution accepting a \$400,000 donation from the Riley Foundation for construction of the Downtown Park and naming the park after George F. Riley. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

**ROLL CALL**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**INTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. C-708-2005 TO AMEND TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS**

Administration advised that Public Safety has requested an amendment to Traffic Control Orders to prohibit parking in the alley behind the commercial businesses located on the north side of Grand River, between Hawthorne and Nine Mile Road in order to establish a fire route.

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**06-05-140** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Knol, to introduce Ordinance No. C-708-2005 to amend the City of Farmington Traffic Control Orders to prohibit parking in the alley behind the commercial businesses located on the north side of Grand River, between Hawthorne and Nine Mile Road. **[SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE]**. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR PROJECTION SYSTEM IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**RESOLUTION 06-05-141** Motion by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to accept a proposal from Bogner Sound & Music in the amount of \$2750.00 for the purchase and installation of a projection system in the City Council Chambers.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT OAKLAND COUNTY WEST NILE GRANT**

Administration advised that Oakland County has appropriated \$500,000 to the West Nile Virus Fund and based on an allocation formula the City is entitled to receive \$3,641.

**RESOLUTION 06-05-142** Motion by Knol, seconded by Bush, to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a reimbursement request to Oakland County in the amount of \$3,641.00 under the West Nile Virus Fund program. **[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]**. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**CONSIDERATION TO AMEND CITY COUNCIL JULY AND AUGUST MEETING SCHEDULE**

Councilmember Knol asked about plans for a meeting of stakeholders in the Mansion in order to discuss its future direction. Pastue suggested setting a meeting date during the last week of June. Knol recommended that in addition to publicizing the meeting, letters should go out to all interested parties.

Mayor Campbell suggested setting the meeting for after the Founders Festival. Pastue responded that a June date would be doable.

Responding to a question, Pastue confirmed that notice of the meeting could be included in the next water billing.

**06-05-143** MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to cancel the regular meetings of July 18 and August 15, 2005. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENTS REPORT**

**06-05-144** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to approve the monthly payments report for May 2005. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ken Murray, 21564 Chestnut, requested Council's consideration of placing names of veterans on the Memorial Park monument.

Responding to a question from Knol, Pastue stated that he hopes to have a recommendation from City Planner, Langworthy, Strader and LeBlanc, regarding a recommendation for awnings, façade, etc. in the Downtown, prior to the next Design Committee meeting.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

Councilmember McShane noted that there was a decrease of false alarms received by the Public Safety Department from 2003 to 2004. She further noted a letter received from Rosemary Bush expressing gratitude to the City for displaying her artwork. She spoke about the first meeting of the 47<sup>th</sup> District Sobriety Court and invited community members to attend the next meeting.

Council concurred to continue the beautification awards.

Mayor Campbell reminded Council of the Public Safety Award Dinner on the following evening, Tuesday, June 7.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**06-05-145** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Knol, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Arnold T. Campbell, Mayor

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Patsy K. Cantrell, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Susan K. Halberstadt, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: JUNE 20, 2005