

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, May 17, 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 8:01 p.m. by Mayor Campbell.

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

ABSENT: None.

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

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**05-04-109** MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**05-04-110** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 3, 2004 and budget study session minutes of April 29, 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### **MAYORAL PHOTOGRAPH – SAMANTHA STECKLOFF, MISS FARMINGTON/OAKLAND COUNTY 2003 AND INTRODUCTION OF 2004 CONTESTANTS**

Samantha Steckloff presented the official Mayoral photograph to Mayor Campbell. She noted the contest name has been changed from Miss Farmington/Oakland County to Miss Oakland County because it serves all of Oakland County. She noted that Miss Oakland County would be held on July 10, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. She introduced this year's contestants who spoke briefly about their background and platform on which they are competing.

Ms. Steckloff stated that it has been an honor to serve the Farmington community. Council thanked her for attending the meeting and wished her success in the Miss Michigan contest.

#### **DR. MARK SOMMERS, CHAIRMAN, "FAMILY NIGHT" COMMITTEE 2004 – EVALUATION AND UPDATE FOR 2005**

Dr. Mark Sommers thanked the Council for their support of "Family Night". He noted the presence of fellow committee members, Shirley Unger and Joan McGlincy. He

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discussed the results of a recent survey taken on the public's opinion of "Family Night". He stated that this event had very good support in the community, including both cities and the school district. He noted that survey results showed that students want to spend more quality time with their families.

Dr. Sommers stated that the committee is looking at multiple ways to promote quality family time. He cited several ideas, including use of different media and promoting the slogan, "What night is your family night?", in grocery stores and restaurants. He questioned whether the committee would hold another "Family Night" due to the significant amount of effort involved and revenue loss to some of the businesses that night. He asked Council for their input in determining future goals of the "Family Night" committee.

Council member McShane commented on the event's success in increasing awareness of the need for quality family time. She commended the committee for their efforts in making it a success.

Council member Knol also recognized the committee's effort to raise awareness of the importance of family time together. As a result of reading the survey, she expressed surprise that the event was held on a Wednesday night, typically a Church night. She cited other concerns expressed by the survey responders. She stated that the focus should be ongoing family time, not just a one-night event.

Council thanked the "Family Night" committee members for their efforts and offered support for future endeavors.

## **BOARD AND COMMISSIONS**

### **CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**05-04-111** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to appoint Jane Gundlach to the Historical Commission for a three-year term expiring March 31, 2007. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

*Mayor Campbell added the following agenda item.*

### **CONSIDERATION OF REAPPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**05-04-112** MOTION by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to reappoint Ernest Sauter to the Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term expiring March 31, 2008. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

### **CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE NO. 1 – 2004 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

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Council member Mitchell, as a resident of Floral Park where the sidewalk replacement is taking place, commented on the accommodations made by Hard Rock Concrete to the residents while performing the work and the excellent job they are doing.

**RESOLUTION 05-04-113** Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to approve construction estimate no. 1 for the 2004 Sidewalk Replacement Program and authorize payment to Hard Rock Concrete Inc. in the amount of \$46,005.55; funds provided in the FY 2003-04 budget.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR FIRE TRAINING TOWER REPAIRS**

Administration advised that the tower used for fire training is badly in need of repairs. Administration further advised that the repairs were put out for bid, but only one bid was received and it was considerably higher than the city engineer's original estimate. Administration advised that the bid was rejected and that the City negotiated with R&Y Services to perform the needed repair at a reasonable cost.

**RESOLUTION 05-04-114** Motion by McShane, seconded by Bush, to accept the proposal from R&Y Services, as presented, in the amount of \$7,100.00, to make specified masonry repairs and door replacements on the Fire Training Tower; funds provided in the FY 2003-04 budget.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO AMEND CITY FEE SCHEDULE**

Council member Knol confirmed with the Administration that the increase in water and sewer rates is a direct result of Detroit Water and Sewer increases.

**RESOLUTION 05-04-115** Motion by Bush, seconded by Knol, to adopt a resolution amending the water and sewer rates, residential recycling rates, and Department of Public Safety fees and charges, effective July 1, 2004. **[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]**

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ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CERTIFICATION OF 2004 DELINQUENT INVOICES, AND WATER AND SEWER BILLS**

Responding to a question from Council, City Manager Pastue stated that the collection rate on delinquencies is almost a 100%.

**RESOLUTION 05-04-116** Motion by Bush, seconded by Knol, to place delinquent invoices and delinquent water and sewer bills, in the amount of \$63,588.48, on the 2004 City of Farmington tax roll. [\[SEE ATTACHMENT\]](#)

**AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT SCHOOL ELECTION**

Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell advised that the State of Michigan requires an agreement between the City of Farmington and the Farmington Public Schools in order for the school to have a bond proposal placed on the August 3, 2004 ballot.

**RESOLUTION 05-04-117** Motion by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to approve the proposed agreement with the Farmington Public Schools allowing the school-bonding proposal to be placed on the 2004 August Primary ballot and authorize the Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. [\[SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT\]](#)

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 1, FY 2003-2004**

**RESOLUTION 05-04-118** Motion by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to approve Budget Amendment No. 1 for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. [\[SEE ATTACHED AMENDMENT\]](#)

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Shirley Unger, Farmington resident, asked about the City's contribution to Oakland Family Services for the next fiscal year. Mayor Campbell responded that due to budget constraints, Council made a decision not to make a contribution. He noted that in the past, Farmington was one of the few communities in Oakland County to make a contribution.

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Ms. Unger expressed concern that Council would go from an annual contribution to making no contribution. She appealed to Council to reconsider their decision regarding this contribution. Council member Knol explained that Oakland Family Services is still getting funds from Farmington through taxes. Discussion continued regarding funding of services and the basis on which decisions are made.

Cheryl Matthews, Oakland County Prosecutor, introduced herself as a candidate for Oakland County Circuit Court Judge.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

Mayor Campbell, regarding a fence on Chesley Street, advised that the City would be sending a letter to businesses and residents to determine if there is an interest to install a consolidated and uniform fence.

City Manager Pastue stated that he would provide Council with a recommendation concerning the cost and type of fence.

Council member McShane recommended that the City designate handicap parking spaces in front of Starbucks in the Downtown Plaza. She also noted a number of code violations throughout the City. She stated that she would provide Administration with a list of violations she has observed. Discussion followed regarding the landscaping on the islands on Farmington Road north of Grand River.

**PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY OPERATIONS REPORT – JANUARY  
– MARCH 2004**

**05-04-119** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to receive and file the Public Safety Department Quarterly Operations Report for quarter ending March 31, 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**05-04-120** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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ARNOLD T. CAMPBELL, Mayor

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PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer