

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, September 19, 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: Campbell, Knol, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: Bush.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

09-05-210 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Knol, to approve the agenda as amended, adding a second item under PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS, "Consideration to Adopt Resolution Approving Liquor License Transfer." MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

09-05-211 MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to approve the special and regular meeting minutes of September 6, 2005. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION (COMPLETE 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2007)

09-05-212 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Knol, to appoint Leonard Gyselinck to the Planning Commission to complete an unexpired three-year term ending June 30, 2007. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

Administration advised that the Downtown Development Authority and City Council each held public hearings relative to the proposed ownership transfer of a 2005 Class C Licensed Business to Natives LLC (Gala Restaurant). Administration further advised that the Public Safety Department has recommended approval of the transfer.

RESOLUTION 09-05-213 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to adopt a resolution transferring ownership of 2005 Class C Licensed Business located in escrow at 32905 Grand River from Mrs. Lovill's Tea Cozy Inc. to Natives LLC (Gala

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Restaurant), 33316 Grand River Avenue. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BY-LAWS FOR ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMITTEES

Administration advised that in April 2003 the City Council adopted a resolution to become a member of the Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC). Administration recommended that Council approve a resolution to adopt the by-laws recommended by ARC and appoint Kevin Gushman, Director of Public Services, as the City's designated representative and City Manager Pastue as alternate.

Councilmember McShane stressed the importance of working together with other communities to protect our waters.

RESOLUTION 09-05-214 Motion by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to adopt a resolution approving the by-laws for the Alliance of Rouge Communities and appointing Kevin Gushman as the City's representative and Vince Pastue as the alternate. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AND APPOINT MEMBERS

Administration noted that at the last regular meeting Mayor Campbell recommended the establishment of a Charter Review Committee in order to begin the process of updating the City Charter. Administration recommended Council's approval of a resolution to form a Charter Review Committee and to appoint members.

Knol suggested, after the November election, appointing a new Councilmember as a member-at-large on the Committee.

Councilmember McShane suggested appointing a current Councilmember to the Committee. She asked about the time frame for the Committee.

City Manager Pastue responded that the Committee would serve as long as Council deems it necessary in order to update the Charter.

City Clerk Cantrell noted that the City of Troy has had a longstanding Charter Review Committee that meets periodically to recommend changes.

McShane noted the timeliness of this Committee and the need to update the City Charter.

Mayor Campbell clarified that the Committee would be charged with compiling a list of recommended changes, however, it would be Council's decision whether or not to bring those proposed changes to the voters.

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Councilmember Mitchell clarified that the Charter Committee is different from a Charter Commission.

RESOLUTION 09-05-215 Motion by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to adopt a resolution to establish a Charter Review Committee consisting of the City Clerk, City Attorney, and three (3) citizen members; to amend section one (1) of the resolution by adding a sixth member, councilmember-at-large and section three (3) changing the requirement for a quorum from three to four members; and to appoint as citizen members, Arnold Campbell, James Mitchell, and Alton Bennett, to serve an initial one (1) year term beginning January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Buck, 23848 Whittaker, expressed his appreciation to Council for their approval of the liquor license transfer to the Gala Restaurant, and to City Administration for expediting the process.

Alton Bennett, 21427 Birchwood, encouraged Council to prepare for future members by refining and defining five and ten year goals; identifying the accomplishments and disappointments of Council; and avoiding taking personal credit for any achievements. He stated that Councilmembers McShane and Knol would have the hardest job of all in gently leading new members and integrating their new ideas into action that will benefit the future of Farmington.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Knol requested a meeting with the Downtown Development Authority Board to discuss parking in the downtown. She stated that she would like to discuss those parking lots that experience the most traffic, including the one behind the Civic Theatre and the Downtown Center. She further stated that she would like to discuss a short-term plan that would increase the amount of turnover in the lots. She indicated that she would like to discuss the proposal from the Economic Restructuring Committee (ERC).

Pastue noted that the Traffic and Safety Board should also be included in any discussion regarding parking. He recommended circulating the ERC proposal in advance of a meeting.

Mayor Campbell suggested delaying a meeting until after the Downtown Center parking lot is finished in order to determine the amount of usage.

Knol responded that a short-term parking plan would be necessary in any case due to future planned development in the downtown.

Mitchell thanked Alton Bennett for his comments.

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Mayor Campbell also thanked Alton Bennett for his comments and expressed appreciation to the Public Safety Department for representing the City at the recent Chili Cook-Off at the Longacre House.

ADJOURNMENT

Council concurred to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Arnold T. Campbell, Mayor

Patsy K. Cantrell, City Clerk/Treasurer

Susan K. Halberstadt, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: OCTOBER 3, 2005