

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, June 18, 2001 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, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

06-01-473 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

06-01-474 MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Bush, to approve the minutes of the closed Executive Session, Special and Regular meeting minutes of June 4, 2001. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS

06-01-475 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Bush, to receive and file the minutes of the following Boards and Commissions:

- Downtown Development Authority minutes of June 5, 2001.
- Planning Commission minutes of June 11, 2001.
- Historical Commission minutes of May 16, 2001.
- Board of Zoning Appeals minutes of May 2, 2001.
- Traffic & Safety Board minutes of May 17, 2001.
- Governor Warner Mansion Committee minutes of May 16, 2001.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INTRODUCTION OF MISS FARMINGTON/OAKLAND COUNTY CONTESTANTS

Ms. Ginny Morris was present to discuss this year's pageant to be held in the Civic Theatre. She introduced the current Miss Farmington/Oakland County, Angela Corsi. Ms. Corsi discussed her experiences this past year including participation in the Miss

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Michigan pageant. She also expressed her gratitude to Council for their support. Ms. Corsi introduced four of this year's contestants, Tracy Finlinson, Heather Barnes, Katie Bandemere and Brooke Brennen. The contestants provided a brief review of their backgrounds and discussed the platforms on which they are running.

Council extended their best wishes to the contestants and thanked Ms. Corsi for her outstanding performance over the last year in representing the Cities of Farmington/Farmington Hills.

Ms. Morris thanked Council for their ongoing support of the pageant.

GOVERNOR WARNER MANSION COMMITTEE UPDATE – MR. JIM MCGLINCY

Co-Chair McGlincy began his presentation with a review of the Committee's involvement in the upcoming Farmington Founders Festival which will include free bus tours of historical sites in the Farmington community; performance by the Farmington High School Band on the Mansion grounds; a Historical Booth in the Downtown Center where ceramic models of the Mansion will be sold; and Dick Carvell riding in the open carriage in the parade.

Co-Chair McGlincy stated the continued need for docents, especially during Festival time. He also indicated that Ameritech turned down the City's grant application for digitization of historical records in favor of more economically depressed communities. Other activities discussed by Co-Chair McGlincy included the project undertaken by Farmington High School to record a virtual tour of the Mansion; Café on the Porch will begin on July 3rd; electrical upgrading of the grounds has been completed; Harrison and Farmington High Schools held Prom picture nights on the Mansion grounds; letters were sent to photographers regarding scheduling of future photo shoots on the grounds; and the resignation of Co-chair Penny Lehto.

In response to a question from Council, Co-Chair McGlincy indicated a goal setting meeting is planned for sometime in August.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION FOR MAIN STREET OAKLAND COUNTY APPLICATION. In keeping with the goal of economic revitalization of the designated Main Street district, Administration supports the application for the Oakland County Main Street program.

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06-01-476 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to adopt a resolution that supports the application for the Oakland County Main Street Program and reaffirms the goal of economic revitalization of the designated Main Street district. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LETTER FROM GERARD ANTONIOTTI REQUESTING FENCE VARIANCE AT 35250 OAKLAND STREET. Administration advised that Gerard and Nancy Antoniotti have requested a fence variance in order to install a 6' decorative privacy fence. The Antoniottis own a corner lot, that by definition of City Ordinance, results in two front yards. The Antoniottis propose to install the fence in one of the front yards replacing a 4' chain link fence currently in place. Administration further advised that City Ordinance prohibits the installation of fences in front yards and therefore a variance would be required. Administration also noted that no response was received to letters of notification sent out to property owners within 100' of proponent's property.

Mr. Antoniotti was present and provided Council with a letter from his neighbor, Carl Parr, who supports the installation of the proposed new fence. Mr. Antoniotti responded to questions regarding the installation of the original 4' chain link fence; type and color of proposed fence.

In response to a question by Council, City Manager Lauhoff indicated that very few fence variances have been requested or granted.

Responding to a question from Council, Mr. Antoniotti indicated that a 4' fence would not provide the privacy he is seeking.

Council continued discussion regarding the height and color of the proposed fence and the increased need for privacy when a home is located on a busy street. Mr. Antoniotti stated his intention to place shrubbery along the outside of the fence.

06-01-477 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Bush, to grant a variance to Section 13-8 of the City Sign Ordinance, as requested by Gerard and Nancy Antoniotti at 35250 Oakland Street, to allow a 6' decorative privacy fence in a front yard open space area with the requirement that the color of the fence be either earth tone or green. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LETTER FROM JAE R. HINEMAN, 32264 VALLEY VIEW CIRCLE, REGARDING BLOCK PARTY. Administration recommended approval of the request for a block party on Valley View Circle.

06-01-478 MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Campbell, to authorize closing of Valley View Circle from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday July 14, 2001 (rain date: Saturday,

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July 28), for a block party and to authorize the Department of Public Services to provide barricades for the event. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONSIDERATION OF RESIGNATION LETTER REGARDING FARMINGTON AREA COMMISSION ON AGING.

06-01-479 MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to accept the resignation of Joyce Hunt from the Farmington Area Commission on Aging and to send a letter thanking her for her service to the City. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY FEE SCHEDULE TO ADJUST WATER AND SEWER RATES AND OTHER GENERAL FEE RATES. Administration recommended changes to the City Fee Schedule as follows: Chapter 2, Printed Material; Chapter 6, Department of Public Safety; Chapter 7, Business License Permits and Registration Fees; Chapter 8, Rubbish and Recycling; and Chapter 11, Water and Sewer Rates, Fees and Charges.

06-01-480 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Mitchell, to amend the City Fee Schedule effective July 1, 2001, thereby amending Chapter 11, Water and Sewer Rates, Fees and Charges; Chapter 2, Printed Material; Chapter 6, Department of Public Safety; Chapter 7, Business License Permits and Registration Fees; Chapter 8, Rubbish and Recycling. [SEE ATTACHED].

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE NO. 1 AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR THE 2001 PAVING PROGRAM. Administration, on recommendation of the City Engineer and Public Services Director, recommended payment of Construction Estimate No. 1 and Change Order No. 1 for the 2001 Paving Program.

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06-01-481 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to approve Construction Estimate No. 1 for the 2001 Paving Program and authorize payment in the amount of \$28,753.16 to Detroit Concrete Products Company; and authorize Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$42,895.42, adding that portion of Prospect Street from Loomis to Shiawassee as part of the road resurfacing project.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION OF LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FROM 22840 ORCHARD LAKE ROAD TO 22804 ORCHARD LAKE ROAD. Administration advised that the Public Safety Department found no reason to object to this transfer.

06-01-482 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Mitchell, to offer no objection to the transfer of the Specially Designated Distributor (SDD) and the Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) licenses from 22840 Orchard Lake Road to 22804 Orchard Lake Road and to direct City Administration to send a letter notifying the Liquor Control Commission of this decision. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO PURCHASE MUNICIPAL BUILDING WINDOWS. Administration, in concurrence with the Department of Public Services, recommended the award for Municipal Building Windows be made to the only acceptable bidder, NuVue Sash Erectors.

In response to a question from Council, Assistant City Manager Richards indicated that all bid proposals were monetarily very close, however, the recommended bid was the only acceptable one in terms of meeting required specifications.

06-01-483 MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Bush, to award the bid for Municipal Building Windows to NuVue Sash Erectors in the amount of \$31,705.00; funds provided in the current fiscal year budget.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO PURCHASE OVERHEAD DOOR OPENERS FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES. Administration concurred with the Public Services Department and recommended the award for overhead door openers for the Department of Public Services be made to the lowest bidder.

06-01-484 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to award the bid for overhead door openers, including an upgrade to the vehicle wash-bay unit, to Overhead Door West, Walled Lake, Michigan, in the amount of \$7,060.00; funds provided in the current fiscal year budget.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO PURCHASE CABINETS AND COUNTERS FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES. Administration concurred with the Department of Public Services and recommended the purchase of cabinets and counters to the only bidder.

06-01-485 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the purchase of cabinets and counters for the Department of Public Services from Konfara Building Company, Walled Lake, MI in the amount of \$7,200.00.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public comments were heard.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

As a result of Council Member Bush's reminder, Council will place an ad in the Miss Farmington Book as they have traditionally done in the past.

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In response to a question from Council Member Bush, Governor Warner Mansion Committee Co-Chair McGlincy stated the "Blue Circle" is a private group of citizens sponsoring "Café on the Porch" at the Governor Warner Mansion.

ADJOURNMENT

06-01-486 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, MAYOR

PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER