

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Tuesday, April 26, 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 6:33 p.m. by Mayor Campbell.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Knol (arrived 6:35 p.m.), McShane, Mitchell.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Pastue.

REVIEW PROPOSED 2005-06 CITY BUDGET

City Manager Pastue discussed the objectives of his proposed budget; long term challenges and risks in the General Operating Fund; material changes in General Operating Fund revenues and expenditures; and revenues and expenditures in the Street Funds, Water and Sewer Fund and the Theatre Fund.

Discussion followed regarding the 2005-06 budget.

Councilmember Knol suggested the City might need to consider discontinuing landscape maintenance in some areas of the City in order to concentrate resources in the Downtown. Councilmember McShane asked about the monitoring and allocation of maintenance costs and whether aspects of maintenance could be condensed or contracted out and noted that some areas of the City are looking worse. Knol stated her opinion that maintenance of some areas should be made a priority and other areas re-landscaped to minimize the need for maintenance.

Mayor Campbell asked if the City could allocate funds to pave Brookdale Street at Nine Mile. Pastue responded that the cost would be approximately \$80,000. Responding to a question, Pastue stated that sharing the costs with the City of Farmington Hills might be a possibility. Mitchell voiced support for the paving of Brookdale Street. Mayor Campbell noted that even though it is a Farmington Hills street, Brookdale is used extensively by Farmington residents. Council concurred to have Pastue bring a recommendation to Council.

Pastue discussed his goal for fund balance in the Street Funds, suggesting he may recommend future transfers between the Street Funds.

Bush, supported by McShane, requested that Pastue arrange for the Theatre Committee to report to Council on the Farmington Funny Film Festival. Pastue stated

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he would report back to Council. Discussion continued on the status of the Film Festival and events at the Theatre.

Bush asked regarding the status of Council recommendations to the Farmington Downtown Development Authority (DDA.) Discussion continued regarding purchasing procedures followed by the DDA, including whether the DDA uses a bid process, etc.

McShane asked about roles and responsibilities in relation to the DDA, the City, Main Street Committees, etc. Discussion continued regarding the need for clarification of roles and responsibilities going forward.

Bush referenced a copy of the DDA brochure for the Summer Concert Series, noting that sponsors listed on the cover had not agreed to back the concert series, and questioning who approved the brochure.

Discussion continued regarding the DDA budget; expanding the boundaries of the DDA; and the role of the City Council in respect to the DDA.

Pastue noted that the goals and objectives of the Council had been incorporated in the 2005-2006 budget document. Discussion on goals and objectives continued.

Bush asked about accountability for in-kind contributions to the Festival. Pastue committed to providing an accounting of the cost to the City of providing in-kind services to support the Festival.

Pastue advised that in the next few weeks he would present a plan for addressing reorganization and revenue shortfalls for Council's consideration.

Discussion continued regarding the budget.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Arnold T. Campbell, Mayor

Patsy K. Cantrell, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPROVED: MAY 16, 2005