

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, December 4, 2000 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.

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Attorney Donohue, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by 2nd and 3rd grade classes from Flanders Elementary School.

12-00-313 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

12-00-314 MOTION by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the minutes of the Special and Regular meetings of November 20, 2000 and the Special meeting of November 16, 2000 as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY QUARTERLY REPORT

Director Downey was present to provide an update on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) activities and projects including the move of the DDA office to a new location. Director Downey reported that the "Shopping for Holiday Dollars" event was very successful with 43 merchants participating. Director Downey indicated a seminar is planned for the annual DDA meeting in February 2001. Director Downey also stated that a new business, Baby Studio, has moved into the Village Mall and the Winter Fun Series will begin in January 2001.

Council questioned whether there was any feedback about Santa not arriving in the Downtown Plaza this year. Director Downey responded she received less than 10 calls regarding no Santa and that, in fact, there was a Santa in the downtown area during the "Shopping for Holiday Dollars" event. Council asked who the shoppers were during this event. Director Downey responded that most of the shoppers were female. City Manager Lauhoff reported feedback from stores was very good. Council inquired whether future "Shopping for Holiday Dollars" events could be held for a longer period of

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time and/or more frequently. Director Downey responded that she will discuss the matter with the Downtown Farmington Business Association. Council complimented Director Downey on the flyer distributed for this event and Director Downey credited the Farmington Observer.

MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS

12-00-315 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Campbell, to receive and file the minutes of the following Boards and Commissions:

- Planning Commission minutes of November 13, 2000.
- Farmington Area Commission Aging minutes of September 26 and October 24, 2000.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONSIDERATION OF RESIGNATION FROM BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION.

12-00-316 MOTION by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to receive and file the resignation of Denise Tawyea from the Beautification Commission and to send a letter of appreciation for her service to the City. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF REVIEW.

12-00-317 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to appoint Dirk Beamer to the Board of Review for an unexpired term ending December 2003. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT PROPOSED 2001 GOAL STATEMENT.

Following a special study session of Council, held to set Council goals for 2001, staff prepared a draft copy of Council's 2001 Goal Statement.

12-00-318 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to adopt Council's 2001 Goal Statement and to distribute copies to the City Staff and all Boards and Commissions. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. [SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT].

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE GENERAL EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CHANGES.

As a result of feedback from non-represented general administrative employees of the City, administration studied the range of issues presented and believes three were due consideration for equitable adjustment: (1) pension, (2) optical reimbursement, and (3) medical insurance.

12-00-319 MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Campbell, to approve the following changes to the benefits of non-represented general administrative employees and officers:

- **Pension Multiplier for General Administrative Employees.**
-Increase from 2.0% to 2.25% for all years of service, effective July 01, 2001.
- **Pension Multiplier for Non-Public Safety Administrative Officers (Department Heads)**
-Increase from 2.0% to 2.5% for all years of service, effective July 01, 2001.

-Implement employee contribution of 3% (pre-tax, if IRS approved) to commence on July 01, 2001.
- **Optical Reimbursement Plan**
-Increase reimbursement from \$175 to \$250 per 24-month period, effective July 01, 2001.
- **Medical Insurance**
-Modify mental health co-pay, effective July 01, 2001.
-Modify prescription coverage, effective July 01, 2001.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell, Bush.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CITY POLICY RE: BUDGETING AND PURCHASING BY SPECIFIC BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES.

During a special study session Council determined that a policy was needed to clarify expenditure and budgeting requirements for Boards, Commissions and Committees.

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12-00-320 MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to approve a Budget and Expenditure Policy for all City Boards and Commissions. [SEE ATTACHED POLICY]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCE ADOPTION

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE C-676-2000 CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN AND TIME WARNER ENTERTAINMENT-ADVANCE/NEWHOUSE PARTNERSHIP.

Mr. Densmore, Director of Marketing for Time Warner Cable, was present to answer questions. Council questioned whether the internet connection, Roadrunner, would be offered to the City. Mr. Densmore responded Roadrunner would be offered to Farmington in the near future. Mr. Densmore further stated that Roadrunner Internet Connection would offer 24 hours of service and would eliminate the need for a second line or other Internet server. Council questioned how the split of channels between schools would be managed. Mr. Densmore responded that the split would be provided through the process of narrowcasting.

Council pointed out the earlybird sign-up for the Roadrunner service and questioned why there isn't more publicity regarding it. Mr. Densmore responded they are purposely limiting advertising so as not to overload initial installations. Council questioned the differences between Ameritech DSL and Roadrunner services. Mr. Densmore responded that Ameritech DSL has limitations based on the user's distance from "hub" sites and there appears to be a long waiting period for installation.

Council asked about the first Roadrunner installation and the number of current customers. Mr. Densmore responded that the first installation occurred on October 1, 2000 and there are currently less than 1000 customers. Council questioned when the Roadrunner service would be fully operational in Livonia and Redford. Mr. Densmore replied sometime in mid January.

12-00-321 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to adopt Ordinance #C-676-2000, granting a franchise for use of City rights-of-way for the operations of a cable television system to Time Warner Entertainment – Advance/Newhouse Partnership for a period of fifteen (15) years effective. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE].

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. C-677-2000 FRANCHISING AND REGULATION OF CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS.

12-00-322 MOTION by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to adopt Ordinance #C-677-2000, establishing a procedure for the franchising of cable television systems, setting forth rules and regulations governing the operation of such systems and to repeal ordinances in conflict therewith. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE].

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no public comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Council questioned Director Goss regarding the Concealed Weapons Bill that is currently in congress. Director Goss responded that it is a bill that takes control of concealed handgun approval from local authority.

12-00-323 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Mitchell, to send a fax alert to the State Representative, State Senator and Governor, expressing opposition to House Bill #4530 regarding concealed handguns. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council expressed concern regarding companies selling lawn signs and misleading residents that such signs are necessary for emergency vehicles.

Assistant City Manager Richards introduced two students from his evening Public Administration class: Lieutenant Jan Johnson and Officer Theron White.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2001.

12-00-324 MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to establish the Regular Council Meeting schedule for 2001. [SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENTS REPORT

12-00-325 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Mitchell, approve the Monthly Payments Report for November, 2000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

12-00-326 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, MAYOR

PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER