

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, April 17, 2006 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 8:03 p.m. by Mayor McShane.

PRESENT: Buck, Knol, McShane, Sutherland, Wiggins.

ABSENT: None.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Council approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- Special meeting minutes of March 17, 2006.
- Regular and special meeting minutes of March 20, 2006.
- Special meeting minutes of March 27, 2006.
- Study session meeting minutes of April 3, 2006.
- Approve monthly payments report for March 2006.
- Approve Third Quarter Report: Building Department January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006.
- Consideration to renew Michigan Municipal League Membership for February 2006 – January 31, 2007.

04-06-066 MOTION by Sutherland, seconded by Buck, to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

04-06-067 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

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Mayor McShane delayed the presentation until the arrival of a representative from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Council Oakland County.

INTRODUCE GOVERNOR WARNER BUST AND SCULPTOR, BERNADETTE ZACHARA-MARCOS

Bernadette Zachara-Marcos, sculptor, and Dick Carvell, Mansion volunteer, were present to unveil a bust of Governor Warner for display in the Warner Mansion. Sculptor Zachara-Marcos discussed the sculpting process and noted that the Arts Council arranged for filming of the entire process.

Mayor McShane praised the work of Mrs. Zachara-Marcos and noted the uncanny likeness of the bust to Governor Warner.

Mayor McShane praised the efforts of Dick Carvell in acquiring the bust for the Mansion. She stated that the creation of the bust is a special moment in history because it symbolizes the concern and dedication that he has always given to the Mansion. She noted that the Mansion stands as a treasure in Farmington in large part due to the endeavors of Mr. Carvell. On behalf of herself and Council, she thanked him for his many contributions to the City and the Mansion.

RRRASOC PRESENTATION – MICHAEL CSAPO, GENERAL MANAGER

Mike Csapo, General Manager of Resource Recovering and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC), was present to provide an annual update of recycling activities. He stated that Farmington has the highest recycling rate of communities represented by RRRASOC. He discussed the implementation of new programs including recycling computers and a web-based data management system.

Councilmember Wiggins recognized the success of recycling in Farmington but questioned where improvements could be made. Csapo responded that new collection and processing methods are being reviewed. He stated that they are looking at the option of providing larger containers which studies have shown would result in increased recycling. He discussed other innovative ideas in recycling including measuring the weight of recyclables at point of pick-up.

Councilmember Knol asked about the feasibility of a “pay as you throw” program which bases cost on the amount recycled. She cited the logistical problems related to the program. Csapo responded that RRRASOC strongly endorses “pay as you throw” programs and noted their success in other communities.

Councilmember Sutherland asked about the promotion of composting to residents. Csapo responded that RRRASOC has available a literature package that addresses this process.

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Mayor McShane asked about the placement of recycling bins in the back of apartment and condo communities. Csapo responded that apartment complexes are challenging because they usually are not under the authority of municipal collections and managers are typically not interested in becoming involved in recycling. He noted an earlier unsuccessful attempt to implement recycling at a Farmington apartment complex.

City Manager Pastue advised that at a future study session Council may want to consider service alternatives provided by RRRASOC.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE C-715-2006

Administration advised that as a result of a charter amendment approved by voters in November 2005, Ordinance C-715-2006 establishes purchasing, contract, and disposal of city-owned assets policies and procedures.

04-06-068 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Buck, to adopt Ordinance C-715-2006 to amend Chapter 2 – Administration, Article 6 – Finance, Division 2 – Purchasing and Division 3 – Contracts and Sale of City Owned Assets in order to amend the requirements relating to purchasing to comply with voted amendments to the City Charter. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE].

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Sutherland, Wiggins, Buck.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CHATHAM HILLS FOOTING DRAIN DISCONNECT PROGRAM

Administration advised that estimate #7 represents the completion of 57 of 70 homes in the Chatham Hills Footing Drain Disconnect Project.

RESOLUTION 04-06-069 Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Wiggins, to approve payment of construction estimate #7 to Bidigare Contractors in the amount of \$41,236.65 for the Chatham Hills Footing Drain Disconnect Project.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: McShane, Sutherland, Wiggins, Buck, Knol.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION OF 2006 PAVING PROGRAM BIDS AND CONTRACT AWARD

Administration advised that bids were solicited for the 2006 paving program that involves reconstruction of the north portion of Raphael Street, just south of Ten Mile Road. Administration further advised that the City's consulting engineers, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment reviewed the bids and recommended that the City award the contract to DiLisio Contracting, Inc. Administration advised that the recommended bid is \$75,000 under the engineers original estimate for the project.

Sutherland asked if the construction on Raphael Street would cause traffic and parking concerns during the Founders Festival. Director Gushman responded that the project is scheduled to be completed by the start of the Festival, however, overflow parking could still be accessed if construction was not completed on time.

RESOLUTION 04-06-070 Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Knol, to accept the 2006 Paving Program bids and award the contract to DiLisio Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$194,099.00 and authorize the City Manager to sign the prepared contract.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Sutherland, Wiggins, Buck, Knol, McShane.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

HURON RIVER HUNTING AND FISHING CLUB, SPECIAL OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Administration recommended approval of the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club to host outdoor events in their parking lot as requested.

04-06-071 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Sutherland, to grant permission for special outdoor events and tents at the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club; Men's Classic Car Stag on June 13, 2006; Cigar Dinner on June 21, 2006; and Clambake in August, 2006 (date to be determined), as described in the Club's request for Council approval. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SOUTH FARMINGTON BASEBALL, INC. – PARADE PERMIT

Administration recommended approval of the use of city streets for conducting the South Farmington Baseball parade and approved to provide the assistance of the Public Safety Department to ensure safety along the route.

04-06-072 MOTION by Sutherland, seconded by Buck, to authorize the use of city streets for the South Farmington Baseball, Inc. annual opening day parade on Saturday, May 6, 2006, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and culminating in a celebration at Shiawassee Park; and for the Public Safety Department to provide assistance to ensure safety along the parade route. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FARMINGTON ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR PICNIC, JULY 30, 2006

Administration recommended that Council grant the request of the Farmington Order of the Eastern Star to utilize the grounds of the Farmington Masonic Hall on July 30, 2006.

04-06-073 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Sutherland, to approve a request from the Farmington Order of the Eastern Star for use of the Farmington Masonic Hall grounds on July 30, 2006 for a members-only picnic. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CLASSIC CAR SHOW IN THE VILLAGE COMMONS PARKING LOT

Administration recommended approval of the 2006 Classic Car Show in the Village Commons parking lot.

McShane noted that this event is in the Downtown Development Authority District and should be well publicized.

04-06-074 MOTION by Sutherland, seconded by Knol, to approve a request from Bellacino's Pizza and Grinders to host the 2006 Classic Car Show to be held in the western portion of the Village Commons parking lot each Monday evening beginning in April and concluding in October 2006. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RATIFICATION OF COAM COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Administration reviewed the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement noting upward adjustments to Commander's wages to achieve internal equity and ensure parity with surrounding law enforcement agencies. Administration noted that health benefits are in line with that of other City Departments.

RESOLUTION 04-06-075 Motion by Buck, seconded by Sutherland, to approve a 3 ½-year collective bargaining agreement with the Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM) bargaining unit effective July 1, 2005 and ending December 31, 2008 and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. [\[SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT\]](#).

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Wiggins, Buck, Knol, McShane, Sutherland.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING RETIREMENT TERMS FOR PATSY CANTRELL AND AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

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Administration briefly reviewed the provisions of Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell's Memorandum of Understanding regarding her retirement on June 23, 2006 and Agreement for Services wherein Cantrell would provide consulting services effective July 1, 2006.

Mayor McShane noted that the City is fortunate to have a transition period in which financial planning expertise will be provided, particularly to the pension plan and to the Treasurer position.

RESOLUTION 04-06-076 Motion by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding regarding retirement terms and an agreement for services with Patsy Cantrell. [SEE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM AND AGREEMENT].

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Buck, Knol, McShane, Sutherland, Wiggins.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Traffic and Safety Board

04-06-077 MOTION by Sutherland, seconded by Knol, to appoint Jeff McGowen to the Traffic and Safety Board, to complete an unexpired term ending June 30, 2007. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Planning Commission

04-06-078 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Buck, to appoint Kevin Christiansen to the Planning Commission, to complete an unexpired term ending June 30, 2006. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board of Zoning Appeals

04-06-079 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Sutherland, to appoint Kristen Kuiken to the Board of Zoning Appeals, to complete an unexpired term ending June 30, 2007. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED FY 2006-2007 BUDGET

City Manager Pastue presented the recommended FY 2006-07 budget for the City of Farmington.

Mayor McShane readdressed the following item from earlier in the agenda and requested that City Manager Pastue review the proclamation since a representative had not arrived.

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PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

04-06-080 MOTION by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to proclaim April as National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in the City of Farmington. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff McGowan, 21052 Larkspur, thanked Council for his appointment to the Traffic and Safety Board. He thanked Dick Carvell for the time and effort he has given to the Warner Mansion. He praised the beauty of the Warner Bust. He recognized the contribution of the docents at the Mansion. He stated that he would like to see more history of Farmington in the Mansion.

Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell stated that it has been a pleasure to serve the Council and the residents of Farmington during her tenure with the City. She further thanked Council for providing the opportunity for a transition period.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Sutherland noted concerns of residents regarding environmental issues related to the proposed changes in Shiawassee Park. She asked if the City could obtain environmental expertise to allay some of these fears.

City Manager Pastue advised that the switchback ramp would require the approval of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality that would ensure against any harm to the environment. He stated that his office would do a better job of addressing some of the miscommunications that have taken place regarding the project.

Sutherland asked if chunks of concrete on the west side of the park staircase is due to erosion. Director Gushman responded that the concrete was part of a bank stabilization project.

Knol asked City Manager Pastue about an earlier request for a presentation on dual water meters. Pastue responded that this issue would be included on the May 1, 2006 meeting agenda. McShane noted that based on previous discussions, dual water meters provide no cost benefit to the City. Director Gushman clarified that a minimum reimbursement is required by Detroit for water and sewer and if sewer revenue goes down then water costs would increase. Knol stated that the challenge is to arrive at an equitable solution in terms of who should be subsidizing the rates.

Nancy Leonard, 33309 Shiawassee, questioned the success of switchback ramps in other areas.

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Ted Huff, 36671 Grand River, noted that the ADA does not require multiple access points to a specific site, therefore the switchback ramp may not be the most cost effective way to provide access to the Shiawassee Park.

ADJOURNMENT

04-06-081 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

JoAnne M. McShane, Mayor

Patsy K. Cantrell, City Clerk/Treasurer

Susan K. Halberstadt, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: May 15, 2006