

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Wednesday, January 3, 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 8:10 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.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**01-01-327** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Campbell, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**01-01-328** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to approve the minutes of the Special and Regular meetings of December 4, 2000 as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **PRESENTATION: 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – HEENEY-SUNDQUIST FUNERAL HOME**

Council presented the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home and its corporate owners, Walter Sundquist and Mark Ziegler, with a proclamation in recognition of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the business's service to the community.

### **MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS**

**01-01-329** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to receive and file the minutes of the following Boards and Commissions:

- Farmington Board of Review minutes of December 12, 2000.
- Downtown Development Authority minutes of December 5, 2000.
- Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of December 6, 2000.
- Farmington Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees minutes of November 28, 2000.
- Commission on Children, Youth and Families minutes of November 2, 2000.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JUDY DOWNEY RE: PERMISSION FOR 2001 DOWNTOWN EVENTS.** Director Downey requested permission to conduct Downtown Development Authority events during the 2001 calendar year, providing Council with a list of proposed events.

**01-01-330** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to authorize the Farmington Downtown Development Authority to conduct events in the downtown area during the 2001 calendar year in the manner described and during the dates and times listed in the request. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PROCLAMATION: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WEEK, JANUARY 15-21, 2001.**

**01-01-331** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Mitchell, to issue a proclamation proclaiming the week of January 15-21, 2001 as “Martin Luther King, Jr. Week”. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS CULTURAL ARTS MASTER PLAN.** Administration advised that the City of Farmington is represented by the cultural arts division operated by the City of Farmington Hills through the City’s agreements for services with the City of Farmington Hills. As a result of extensive research through surveys, focus groups and a public hearing, a Cultural Arts Master Plan was developed. The purpose of this Plan is to help guide the new cultural arts division in fulfilling both Cities’ desire to make ultimate use of the area’s existing resources and to satisfy other cultural needs of the communities.

Nancy Coumoundouros, Cultural Arts Coordinator, was present to support this Plan.

Council suggested the possibility of a televised roundtable discussion between both city mayors and Ms. Coumoundouros to promote awareness of the Plan.

**01-01-332** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Campbell, to adopt the Farmington/Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Master Plan for use in coordination with the City Master Plan as is appropriate. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**CONSIDERATION OF CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT SIDEWALK DISPLAYS AND SIGNAGE.** Administration advised that the Downtown Farmington Business Association(DFBA), supported by the Downtown Development Authority, has requested the use of outdoor displays and signage on sidewalks on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, on a 26-week trial basis. This would require the Council to grant variances to the City's sign ordinance, Section 25-10 Decorative Displays and section 25-13 Prohibited Signs, Subsection 11.

Discussion followed concerning reasons for the request and members of the DFBA indicated the outdoor signage and displays would substantially increase sales enabling them to better compete with larger shopping areas. Council expressed concern regarding the proposed guidelines for displays and signage and the criteria that would be used to determine success. Council requested that the DFBA consult with other communities where outdoor signage and displays are allowed and review their guidelines so that a more definitive set of criteria can be developed. Council also praised the DFBA for their active involvement and encouraged them to use other advertising resources, including cable T.V. and the internet.

**01-01-333** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Bush, to table the decision to grant the Downtown Farmington Business Association the use of outdoor displays and signage on sidewalks on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays on a 26-week trial basis. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**STATE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT PERMIT RESOLUTION.** The State of Michigan requested that the City, by resolution, indemnify the State from any liability which is created by the City's workforce in the State trunkline right-of-way.

**01-01-334** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to adopt a resolution to indemnify the State of Michigan from liability created by City activities on the State trunkline right-of-way and to authorize the City Manager or Director of Public Services to make application for annual permits for the installation of banners and for work on State highways. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

**ROLL CALL**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**CONSIDERATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS PERMIT AGREEMENT WITH MCI METRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, L.L.C.** Administration advised that MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, LLC, is constructing a commercial fiber optic telecommunications system in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area and is required to obtain a permit agreement to occupy the public right-of-way for the installation of fiber optic cables. The charge per lineal foot as outlined in the agreement is the same in all telecommunications permits recently issued by the City and is consistent with local standards.

Council asked if this system is strictly for commercial use. City Attorney Donohue responded no, but stated that commercial use is their main market. Council questioned whether there are connectors to other cities and City Manager Lauhoff responded that the fiber optic system loops in and out of the Farmington/Farmington Hills area.

**01-01-335** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to issue a telecommunications permit to MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, a Delaware limited liability company, located at 2250 Lakeside Blvd., Richardson, Texas for the installation of fiber optic cables within the City of Farmington with the provision for payment based on ten cents (\$.10) per aerial lineal foot and twenty-five cents (\$.25) per underground lineal foot; rates will be indexed for inflation beginning in January 2004; and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

**ROLL CALL**

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP IN MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.**

Administration recommended renewal of membership in the Michigan Municipal League including the Legal Defense Fund.

**01-01-336** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to approve renewal of membership in the Michigan Municipal League including the Legal Defense Fund for February 1, 2001 through January 31, 2002 and authorize payment of the annual dues of \$4,915 and the Legal Defense Fund assessment of \$360; funds provided in the FY 2000-2001 budget.

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**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.**

There were no Council comments or announcements.

**CONSIDERATION TO ESTABLISH MEETING SCHEDULE WITH CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.** Administration presented Council with a proposed meeting schedule for City Boards and Commissions for 2001.

**01-01-337** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to establish a meeting schedule with Boards and Commissions for 2001. [SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE].  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO SET DATE FOR SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD AND FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL.**

**01-01-338** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to schedule an annual joint meeting with the Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills City Councils and the Farmington Public School Board on February 13, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the William Costick Activities Center. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENTS REPORT**

**01-01-339** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Bush, to approve the Monthly Payments Report for December 2000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**01-01-340** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to adjourn the meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, MAYOR

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PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER