

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, April 5, 2004 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 Campbell.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Knol, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Gushman, City Manager Pastue, Attorney Schultz, Interim Director Wiggins.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

04-04-069 Motion by McShane, seconded by Bush, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

04-04-070 Motion by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 15, 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE – CAROL EVE HYSKA

Carol Eve Hyska reported on a recent seminar she attended concerning the Emerald Ash Borer. She discussed various chemicals that are currently being tested to combat this disease. She stressed the importance of diversity in tree planting and noted resources available to determine the appropriate trees that can be planted. She discussed the factors that should be considered in the design approach to street trees.

Ms. Hyska stated the importance of including the need for tree diversity in City Ordinance. She noted the availability of grants and indicated that Director Gushman is in the process of applying for some of these. She stated that diseased trees should be taken to marshalling yards and that some lumber mills will buy them to make lumber.

Discussion followed regarding the West Nile Virus and the methods communities are using to combat it. Ms. Hyska noted that she and Council member Bush would be taping an update on the virus for cable. Council member Bush invited Director Gushman to join them in the taping.

Responding to a question from Council, Director Gushman confirmed that the process for removal of diseased trees in Farmington includes chipping the wood on site and removing the larger logs to a marshalling site.

Council member Campbell confirmed with Director Gushman that residents can burn the wood from diseased trees they cut down in their yards.

**FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS CALL TO ACTION COALITION-
DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS AWARENESS EFFORT – MAYOR CAMPBELL**

Mayor Campbell recognized and supported the asset of “Service to Others” as part of a program promoted by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Call to Action Coalition during the second quarter of 2004.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

HURON RIVER HUNTING AND FISHING CLUB, SPECIAL OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Administration reviewed the request and proposed events from the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club, noting that the City Fire Marshall will review the location of the tents and outdoor operation for compliance with state and local ordinances.

Ann Marie Mathews, General Manager, was present to answer questions.

RESOLUTION 04-04-071 Motion by Bush, seconded by McShane, to grant permission for special outdoor events and tents at the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club; Men’s Classic Car Stag on June 8, 2004; Cigar Dinner on June 17, 2004; and Clambake on August 8, 2004, as described in the request for Council approval. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FRESH APPROACH MARKET – REQUEST FOR OUTSIDE SALES

Administration recommended approval of the request from the Fresh Approach Market to conduct outside sales and displays for the next twelve-month period.

Mr. Saxton, Store Manager, was present to answer questions.

RESOLUTION 04-04-072 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to grant permission for outside sales displays and expanded flower/basket display, as described in the request for Council approval, for the next twelve-month period, to Fresh Approach Market at 35243 Grand River; outside sales and displays are for flower sales from April 15 through October 15; pumpkin sales from September 15 through November 1; and Christmas tree sales from November 20 through December 26. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SOUTH FARMINGTON BASEBALL, INC. RE: PARADE PERMIT

Administration advised that Mrs. Diane Brady has requested permission for South Farmington Baseball, Inc. to conduct their annual opening day parade culminating in a celebration at Shiawassee Park.

RESOLUTION 04-04-073 Motion by McShane, seconded by Bush, to authorize the use of City streets for the South Farmington Baseball, Inc. annual opening day parade on Saturday, May 1, 2004, 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 HILLS DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES – REQUEST FOR BANNER OVER GRAND RIVER AVENUE

Administration advised that a request was received from the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Senior Division to hang a banner over Grand River to promote the first “Meals on Wheels Fun Walk” to be held on May 22 in Heritage Park to help support the Farmington/Farmington Hills Meals on Wheels program.

RESOLUTION 04-04-074 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to approve a request from the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services to hang a 25’ x 5’ banner across Grand River Avenue, between School and Mayfield Streets, for a period of two weeks beginning May 10 through May 22, 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROCLAMATION: APRIL 2004 – “NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH”

City Manager Pastue read into the record a proclamation from the City of Farmington recognizing the month of April as “National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month”.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSION ON AGING

04-04-075 Motion by McShane, seconded by Bush, to appoint John Rolph to the Commission on Aging for an unexpired term ending June 15, 2006. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: PROPOSED VACATION OF ALLEY IN FLORAL PARK SUBDIVISION

Mayor Campbell opened the public hearing and invited comment regarding vacation of an alley in the Floral Park Subdivision.

There being no comment, Mayor Campbell called for a motion to close the public hearing.

04-04-076 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to close the public hearing.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

RESOLUTION TO VACATE ALLEY IN FLORAL PARK SUBDIVISION

RESOLUTION 04-04-077 Motion by Bush, seconded by Knol, to adopt a resolution to vacate a portion of platted alley in the Floral Park Subdivision. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Campbell, Knol, McShane, Mitchell, Bush.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 2004 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT CONTRACT

Administration recommended waiving of the bid process for the 2004 Sidewalk Replacement Program and approval of a contract with Hard Rock Concrete, due to Hard Rock's agreement to offer 2003 unit prices charged to the City of Farmington Hills and their excellent reputation for quality work and ability to minimize disruptions to residents.

RESOLUTION 04-04-078 Motion by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to waive the bid process and approve a contract with Hard Rock Concrete Inc. in the amount of \$239,315.00 for the 2004 Sidewalk Replacement Program and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Mitchell, Bush, Campbell.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A LOT SPLIT

Administration advised that a request was received from Stewart Meredith, 22605 Brookdale, to split a portion of Lot 39 located in the Brookdale Subdivision. Administration further advised that Lot 39 is an "L" shaped parcel and the split would transfer the northern portion of that lot to Lot 29. Administration also advised that Assessor Sailer has indicated that the proposed split complies with the Michigan Land

Division Act and does not negatively impact conformance with the minimum requirements contained in the Zoning Code.

RESOLUTION 04-04-079 Motion by McShane, seconded by Knol, to approve a lot split of Lot 39, 22605 Brookdale, splitting the north portion and attaching to Lot 29, as petitioned by the lot owner, Mr. Stewart Meredith, and as identified on the attached map. **[SEE ATTACHED MAP]**. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Council member McShane recommended establishing study sessions in order to develop an "Action Plan" for Council as agreed upon at the January 17th Council retreat. City Manager Pastue responded that proposed timelines for this plan would be included in one of the upcoming Council meetings.

Council member Bush recognized the efforts of the Farmington Community Library to digitize the Farmington Enterprise Observer newspaper issues from 1888 to 1996 which translates to 512,000 pages of newsprint and an additional 1000 pages of photographs and monographs; all funded by the Friends of the Library. She cited this project as another excellent example of the extra effort put forth by the Library for this Community.

Council member Bush asked Director Gushman about the possibility of providing plastic bags at Shiawassee Park for dog owners to pick up after their animals. Director Gushman responded that it had been discussed and could be done at Council's request.

Council member Knol noted that the Civic Theatre was named by the Observer as the best place to go to see a cheap flick; Cowley's Restaurant was named number one for architecture; and the Library and the Books Abound Store were recognized as two of the best places to kill some time.

Council member Bush noted the success of a recent event at the Civic Theatre, "Lights...Camera...Call to Action", sponsored by the Call to Action Coalition.

City Manager Pastue introduced Mike Wiggins as the interim Public Safety Director.

APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENTS REPORT

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04-04-080 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to approve the monthly payments report for March 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

04-04-081 Motion by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Arnold T. Campbell, Mayor

Patsy K. Cantrell, City Clerk/Treasurer