

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, June 5, 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 6:00 p.m. by Mayor McShane.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Knol (arrived at 6:24 p.m.), McShane, Sutherland, Wiggins.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Buck.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**06-06-101** MOTION by Sutherland, seconded by Wiggins, to remove item 9, Interviews for Clerk and Treasurer Positions, and approved the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**INTERVIEWS – ARTS COMMISSION**

Council interviewed Lorraine Varns and James McGlincy for vacant positions on the Arts Commission. Both candidates expressed interest in serving the City and a willingness to consider positions on other Boards and Commissions.

Councilmember Knol arrived at 6:24 p.m.

Council interviewed Eugene Thomas for a vacant position on the Arts Commission but in discussions with Mr. Thomas concluded that he was most interested in a current opening on the Commission on Children, Youth and Families.

Discussion continued regarding publicizing openings on the City's Boards and Commissions. After Council expressed concern with pending vacancies, Manager Pastue noted that members whose terms are expiring could continue to serve until a replacement is appointed.

Councilmember Sutherland suggested holding an open forum as a means of providing information to potential volunteers.

Councilmember Knol suggested that an insert with information on City Boards and Commissions be included with the next water bill mailing.

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Discussion continued regarding an open forum and water bill inserts concluding with Sutherland suggesting an informational booth at the Founders Festival regarding Boards and Commissions. Councilmember Wiggins supported Sutherland's idea for a booth at the Festival.

Mayor McShane agreed and also suggested an open house sometime during the Fall season.

Wiggins then suggested including Board and Commission tables at City events noting it would be a less costly option. Mayor McShane asked Manager Pastue if he had available staff to set up tables. Manager Pastue indicated he would contact the Boards and Commissions to have them set up tables.

Knol stated that she liked Mr. Thomas for the Commission on Children, Youth and Families noting his previous experience working with youth.

Council concurred to place the appointments for the Arts Commission and the Commission on Children, Youth and Families on the next council agenda.

Discussion followed regarding the importance of a good "fit" between the volunteer and the Board and Commission and how to best recruit volunteers.

**PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2006/07 BUDGET AND MILLAGE LEVY**

City Manager Pastue reviewed the proposed budget and tax rate for the 2006-07 fiscal year, noting a reduction of \$2,000 in the City Manager's budget and reductions in other line items of the General Fund Budget in order to maintain the overall millage rate at 14.4163.

Mayor McShane opened the public hearing and invited public comment.

Mayor McShane recognized the City's achievement of maintaining the same millage rate as last year.

Wiggins noted the significance of maintaining the millage rate because it demonstrates the City's effort to "hold the line" on expenses.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor McShane requested a motion to close the hearing.

**06-06-102** MOTION by Knol, seconded by Sutherland, to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2006/07 BUDGET AND ESTABLISH MILLAGE RATES**

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**RESOLUTION 06-06-103** Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Wiggins, to adopt the 2006-2007 fiscal year budget and establish the local property millage rate for 2006. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Sutherland, Wiggins, Knol, McShane.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Buck.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2006/07 JOINT AGENCY AND AUTHORITY BUDGETS**

**RESOLUTION 06-06-104** Motion by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to adopt the 2006-07 fiscal year budgets for the Farmington Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, 47<sup>th</sup> District Court and Joint Agencies. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Wiggins, Knol, McShane, Sutherland.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Buck.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO AMEND CITY FEE SCHEDULE**

Administration reviewed the proposed changes to the City Fee Schedule effective July 1, 2006.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Sutherland, City Manager Pastue clarified the costs related to dual water meters.

**RESOLUTION 06-06-105** Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Sutherland, to adopt a resolution to amend fees associated with water and sewer rates, and residential recycling rates effective July 1, 2006. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Sutherland, Wiggins.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: Buck.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS COMMITTEE**

Mayor McShane discussed the responsibilities of the Beautification Awards Committee members and administration of the program.

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Councilmember Knol advised that it may not be a good practice to appoint spouses to the same committee.

Mayor McShane indicated that additional members could be added to the committee.

Wiggins expressed support for the Wildasins to serve on the committee, however, he concurred with Councilmember Knol that it may not be good practice to appoint spouses to the same committees or commissions.

**06-06-106** MOTION by Sutherland, seconded by Wiggins, to appoint Linda Chiara, Gretchen Perkins, Frank Wildasin, Joyce Wildasin and Pam Wright to serve on the 2006 Beautification Awards Committee. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor McShane asked administration to review the Charter regarding spouses serving together on appointed boards, commissions and committees.

**CONSIDERATION OF DDA REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SIDEWALK SHOPPING DAYS**

Council concurred with a request from the Downtown Development Authority to add June 24 and July 15, 2006 to the Downtown Sidewalk Shopping Days.

Mayor McShane expressed hope that these additional days would help businesses, especially during road construction.

**DISCUSSION – DINAN DONATION UPDATE**

Mayor McShane advised that over a year ago the daughter of former Mayor Dinan offered a donation of \$25,000 to the City. Mayor McShane indicated that the family is seeking to place a sculpture of their father in the City of Farmington. She stated the sculpture would be done by a renowned sculptress and the proposed site would be on the north side of City Hall. She further stated that Steinkopf Nurseries would donate a garden and the City would provide pavers for the area where the sculpture would be placed.

Discussion followed regarding the design, location and specifics of the sculpture.

Discussion continued regarding the precedent of immortalizing a City Manager.

Mayor McShane indicated that members of the Arts Council have reviewed the proposed art and expressed complete agreement.

**DISCUSSION – CITY MANAGER’S EVALUATION PROCESS**

Pastue distributed evaluation forms and requested their completion and return to the Mayor by June 19, 2006.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Pastue provided an update on the confusion caused by the temporary traffic signs put up by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) regarding Grand River road construction. He stated that DDA Director Knowles and Director Gushman worked with MDOT to add signage indicating that Grand River was open to the downtown businesses.

Discussion followed regarding the impact of MDOT signage failures on downtown businesses and corrective measures that needed to be taken.

Mayor McShane thanked Sue Buck of the Observer on the article she wrote concerning the Grand River construction.

Pastue discussed parking tickets that were issued in the Downtown. He requested feedback from Council regarding making the related traffic control orders permanent. He noted that the three tickets issued were to employees.

Mayor McShane asked to review the log of tickets that were issued to determine by how much time offenders exceeded the limit of timed parking.

Discussion followed regarding the difficulty of determining parking trends based on random enforcement.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comment was heard.

### **COUNCIL COMMENT**

Knol asked when a meeting would be scheduled to discuss the Warner Mansion.

Mayor McShane stated that decisions needed to be made regarding the Mansion.

Knol further requested a meeting regarding a Civic Theatre proposal.

Mayor McShane noted a letter from Farmington Hills recognizing Public Safety employees, Reserve Officer Myers, Officer Madeline, Sargent Dulong and Deputy Director Schultz, for their service during the first eight awareness trainings. Mayor McShane, on behalf of City Council, thanked the officers for their participation.

Mayor McShane referred to a notification from SEMCOG regarding a program called "Our Water Our Future" and requested that the City publicize this program, including an article in the City newsletter.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**06-06-107** MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council concurred to re-open the meeting to allow additional public comment from Farmington residents.

Richard Tengler provided a handout to Council and explained his request to amend City Ordinance to include a time limit on storage of "clutter" on private property.

City Manager Pastue stated the City would follow up on this issue.

Brian Golden, 33414 Oakland, spoke regarding a proposed ordinance related to historic preservation. He expressed his hope that Council would move forward to further enhance historic properties and stressed the need to continually maintain historic buildings.

Mayor McShane advised that Amy Arnold from the State Historic Preservation Office would make a presentation at the June 19, 2006 meeting.

Council concurred to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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JoAnne M. McShane, Mayor

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Patsy K. Cantrell, City Clerk/Treasurer

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Susan K. Halberstadt, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: June 19, 2006