

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, June 16, 2003 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 Mitchell.

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

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Pastue.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Junior Girl Scout Troop #2048 from Our Lady of Sorrows School.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

06-03-163 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

06-03-164 MOTION by Bush, seconded by Harrison, to approve the regular and special meeting minutes of June 2, 2003. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS

06-03-165 MOTION by Harrison, seconded by Campbell, to receive and file the minutes of the following Boards and Commissions:

- Planning Commission minutes of May 12, 2003.
- Board of Zoning Appeals minutes of May 7, 2003.
- Commission on the Environment minutes of May 13, 2003.
- Civic Theatre Committee minutes of June 4, 2003.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECOGNITION: BRONZE AWARDS TO 6TH GRADE, JR. GIRL SCOUT TROOP #2048, OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL

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Mayor Mitchell presented a certificate from the City to members of Troop #2048 in recognition of their efforts, that included 15 hours of community service, to achieve the bronze award.

Troop leaders, Laura Spencer and Candace Stanton-Laynes, were present and recognized the efforts of their troop to achieve this award.

Mayor Mitchell congratulated the troop in their efforts to combat the West Nile Virus by building and installing a bat house in Shiawassee Park. In recognition of this project, Mayor Mitchell asked the troop members to become junior members on the Commission on the Environment.

PRESENTATION: "CLICK IT OR TICKET" PROGRAM – GARY GOSS, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Director Goss spoke about a new local program, "Click It and Ticket", which will recognize motorists who "buckle up". He stated that Mark and Holly Owens, owners of Colonial Car Wash, have provided City officers with free car wash coupons for distribution to motorists who are setting an example by properly wearing their seat belts and using the appropriate child restraint systems.

Mark and Holly Owens were present and expressed appreciation for the City's support of this program.

Council expressed appreciation to the Owens for their contributions and involvement in the Community.

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

Mayor Mitchell advised that the Farmington/Farmington Hills Call to Action Coalition adopted the Search Institute's Forty (40) Developmental Assets as important to the healthy development of young people in the community and have requested support of community groups and City Council in order to strengthen community awareness of these assets.

Mayor Mitchell further advised that the Coalition has selected the asset of "Positive Peer Influence" for recognition during the third quarter of 2003.

PROCLAMATION – COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES IN SUPPORT OF "FAMILY NIGHT" EVENT.

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Joan McGlincy, representing the Commission on Children, Youth & Families, was present to receive the proclamation. She thanked the Council for their support of this program.

06-03-166 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to recognize February 4, 2004 as "Family Night", a community-wide event to encourage families to reserve that night for unscheduled time to spend together as a family. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INTRODUCTION OF MISS FARMINGTON/OAKLAND COUNTY CONTESTANTS

Jennifer Hoemke, volunteer for the Miss America organization, stated she would produce this year's Miss Farmington/Oakland County pageant. She spoke about changes to the pageant and future goals. She introduced Francesca Romeo as the new Executive Director.

Ms. Romeo stated she looked forward to building the program and asked for help from the Community in promoting it.

Contestants for this year's pageant spoke about themselves and identified their talent and the platform on which they will compete.

Kelly Zander spoke about her experience as Miss Farmington/Oakland County over the past year, including the Miss Michigan competition.

Council thanked Ms. Zander for her excellent job of representing the Community over the last year.

QUARTERLY REPORT: DDA DIRECTOR BRENT MORGAN

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director Morgan spoke about the status of the Main Street Program including: the technical assistance provided in the first year, volunteers for each committee and the Work Plan Workshop. He discussed the issues and projects of both the Organization and Promotion Committees. Referring to the DDA calendar, he spoke about the various events planned for the year. He cited future DDA goals including: creative use of the Civic Theatre, development of a business directory, cable/SWOCC interviews and website promotions. He further spoke about the activities of the Design and Economic Restructuring Committees.

He spoke about the process and timetable of the Design Committee to develop standards for signage in the Downtown. He also indicated that he has hired a part-time staff member.

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Responding to a question from Council, Director Morgan spoke about vacancies in the Downtown.

Responding to an additional question from Council, Director Morgan confirmed that the process for development of signage standards in the Downtown would include review by the Planning Commission.

City Manager Pastue stated that he would provide to Council the work plans of each Main Street Committee, once they are developed and finalized. He discussed the issue of the Pavilion with regard to whether or not the DDA should proceed with construction prior to development of the master plan.

Mayor Mitchell noted the community-wide interest in the Main Street Program by citing committee members who live outside of Farmington.

Director Morgan thanked Council for their support and the community-at-large for the high level of involvement in the Main Street Program.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES.

06-03-167 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to appoint Wendy Munson to the Commission on Children, Youth and Families for an unexpired term ending December 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REAPPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS.

06-03-168 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Harrison, to make the following appointments for three-year terms ending June 2006:

Board of Zoning Appeals -	Daniel Ludwig, Steve Schneemann
Planning Commission -	Dan Penning, Jeffrey Edwards, Terri Morency
Commission on Aging -	William Galvin
Farmington Area Arts Commission -	Lowell Boileau
Farmington Employees Retirement System -	Gerald Wasen
Traffic and Safety Board -	Kenneth Chiara, Duane Reynolds

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESIGNATION FROM COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

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06-03-169 MOTION by Harrison, seconded by Bush, to accept the resignation of Steven Schneemann from the Commission on the Environment and send a letter thanking him for his service to the City. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION AND TEMPORARY SIGN – SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST. Administration advised that the Salem United Church of Christ has made application for a special events permit in order to provide live music in the Church parking lot on two of the evenings of the Founders Festival. Administration further advised that the Church has requested permission to hang a temporary sign indicating the name of the band. Administration also advised that Suzanne Lichtman, Director of the Founders' Festival, has indicated that she has no concerns with this event.

Robyn Murphy, representing the Church, was present to provide detail of the proposed event. Responding to a question from Council, he stated the band will be staged on the south end of the Church parking lot and the Church would notify and invite the surrounding residents.

Council expressed concern about the noise level and asked the Church to be sensitive to surrounding residents.

Councilmember Bush enthusiastically endorsed the Church coffee house that is open to the public twice a month and is operated by the Church's youth group.

06-03-170 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Harrison, to approve a special events application, submitted by the Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland, allowing live music on Thursday, July 18 and Friday, July 19, 2003 from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Church and granting approval for a 3'x 4' temporary sign as proposed. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

CONSIDERATION OF WATER, SEWER, RECYCLING RATE INCREASES AND CIVIC THEATRE ADMISSIONS. Administration provided the basis on which these proposed rate increases were made.

Responding to a question from Council, City Manager Pastue stated that the Theatre would not charge the additional increase on coupons that were purchased at a lower rate.

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Responding to an additional question from Council, City Manager Pastue stated that the recycling rate increase is a reflection of the 3% increase imposed by Waste Management, the company providing the service.

Councilmember McShane asked for Administration to review the revenue earned through recycling and determine if it offsets the cost of the recycling service. City Manager Pastue stated that in his experience the revenue earned from recyclables does not completely cover the cost of collections.

Discussion followed regarding recycling revenue and expense.

06-03-171 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to adopt a resolution to amend the water and sewer rates, residential recycling rates and Civic Theatre admission fees, effective July 1, 2003. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. C-695-2003 TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, MASSAGE PARLORS. Administration cited one change in the ordinance as it was introduced, changing the term parlor to facility in Section 18-1.

Discussion followed regarding the fee schedule associated with massage licensing. City Manager Pastue confirmed that there is no proposed change to the fee schedule. Discussion continued regarding the number of locations affected by this ordinance.

06-03-172 MOTION by Bush, seconded by Harrison, to adopt Ordinance No. C-695-2003 to amend Chapter 18, Massage Parlors, in order to revise certain terminology, to provide additional regulations, and to clarify procedures. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE].

ROLL CALL

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE NO. 1 – 2003 PAVING PROGRAM. Director Gushman indicated that the paving program is completed except for restoration work that should be completed within the week.

06-03-173 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Campbell, to approve construction estimate no. 1 for the 2003 paving program and authorize payment in the amount of \$103,930.38 to Thompson-McCully Company; funds provided in the FY 2002-2003 budget.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BIDS FOR FARMINGTON ROAD PROJECT. Administration advised that the City's consulting engineers have reviewed the bids submitted for this project and recommended awarding the contract to Peter A. Basile & Sons.

06-03-174 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Bush, to accept the bids for the Farmington Road Project and make the award to the low bidder, Peter A. Basile & Sons, in the amount \$355,218.40.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INTRODUCTION – PROPOSED BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEE INCREASE.

Administration advised that as a result of a survey conducted by the Public Service staff and the fact that Building Department fees have not been increased since 1991, proposed rate increases are being introduced. Administration further advised that the proposed changes to the Building Department fee schedule would increase fees overall by 25%.

CONSIDERATION OF EMERGENCY VEHICLE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY. Administration advised that Oakland County would be receiving a decontamination trailer and HAZMAT (Hazardous Materials) trucks for placement

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throughout the County. The County is requiring local governments to sign an Emergency Vehicle Interlocal Agreement in order to use this equipment.

Director Goss discussed the program established by the County.

06-03-175 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to approve an interlocal agreement with Oakland County for the use of emergency vehicles and authorize the City Manager, City Clerk, and Public Safety Director to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. [SEE ATTACHMENT]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public comments were heard.

COUNCIL COMMENT.

Councilmember McShane noted that Lowell Boileau's website concerning Detroit was recognized as "Best of Metro Detroit" by Hour Magazine.

Councilmember McShane also stated that the Call to Action Coalition is looking for the different sectors to develop a plan on how to impact alcohol use. She further stated that as a result of discussions with Director Goss, they have developed educational strategies that include: a cable video demonstrating where children find alcohol and distribution of flyers through the Neighborhood Watch Program. Director Goss discussed public service announcements on underage use of alcohol.

Councilmember Harrison noted an article in the Detroit News concerning parking problems resulting from the renovation of older downtowns. He further noted that the article cited the City of Farmington as an example of well planned parking.

Mayor Mitchell read a letter from Estralee Michaelson that recognized the Public Safety Department's contribution to the safety and welfare of the schools. Mayor Mitchell thanked the Public Safety Department staff for their continued efforts and contributions.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 4, FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003.

06-03-176 MOTION by Harrison, seconded by Bush, to approve Budget Amendment Resolution No. 4 for the 2002-2003 fiscal year. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

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ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

06-03-177 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

JAMES K. MITCHELL, MAYOR

PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER