

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, February 4, 2002 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: Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: Bush.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Attorney Donohue, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

02-02-653 MOTION by Hartsock, seconded by Campbell, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

02-02-654 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to approve the special and regular minutes of January 22, 2002. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS

02-02-655 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Hartsock, to receive and file the minutes of the following Boards and Commissions:

- Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees meeting minutes of November 8, 2001.
- Traffic & Safety Board minutes of January 17, 2002.
- Farmington Area Commission on Aging minutes of November 27, 2001.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: CITY OF FARMINGTON INTENT TO ESTABLISH A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

Mayor Mitchell opened the public hearing and requested that City Manager Lauhoff review the proposed creation of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Mayor Mitchell invited public comment. No public comment was heard.

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02-02-656 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Hartsock, to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PRESENTATION: FARMINGTON ROAD PHASE II RECONSTRUCTION IN 2002:
KEVIN GUSHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES.**

Kevin Gushman, Director of Public Services, provided an update on the reconstruction of Farmington Road scheduled to begin in March of 2002 with a projected completion date of September 30, 2002. He stated the construction between Slocum and Grand River is expected to be completed by July 15, 2002. He further stated that access to businesses along Farmington Road would remain open except where a business has an alternate entry. He also indicated that during construction Farmington Road would be closed to southbound traffic.

In response to questions from Council, Director Gushman stated new light poles would be installed concurrently with the construction. Director Gushman also indicated the side roads off of Farmington Road would be open in alternate stages and Slocum Street would likely receive increased traffic flow as an alternate route.

City Manager Lauhoff stated that designated detours should help alleviate increased traffic flow on Slocum Street, however, the City would monitor that situation. He also stated that the Downtown Development Authority has mailed information to businesses affected by the construction. Director Gushman stated information would be available at a public meeting set for February 13, 2002 in City Council Chambers.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

02-02-657 MOTION by Hartsock, seconded by Campbell, to accept the resignation of Lloyd Wepman from the Traffic and Safety Board and send a letter thanking him for his service to the City. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

LETTER FROM WALTER CHRISTENSEN, VETERANS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE CHAIRMAN RE: PARADE PERMIT. Walter Christensen requested permission to use Grand River for the annual Memorial Day Parade.

02-02-658 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to approve the use of Grand River for the Veteran's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; that the State of Michigan, Department of Transportation, be held harmless from any liability resulting from the closing of Grand River and to authorize the Public

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Safety Department to file for the appropriate permits with the Michigan Department of Transportation. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO CREATE A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

02-02-659 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Hartsock, to adopt a resolution establishing a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the City of Farmington. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

City Manager Lauhoff informed Council that administration would submit names for appointments to the Board at a later date and would recommend a five-member board including a Council member.

CONSIDERATION OF JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH FARMINGTON HILLS FOR FARMINGTON ROAD LANDSCAPE PROJECT. Administration advised that a grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation has been awarded for the Farmington Road landscaping plan, developed by the Beautification Commissions of Farmington and Farmington Hills, for the Farmington Road reconstruction project. Administration further advised that the award was for the total project cost of \$173,900, requiring a \$37,000 contribution that would be shared by Farmington at 70% and Farmington Hills at 30%. Administration also advised that the City of Farmington Hills has agreed to administer the grant for both communities.

Administration expressed appreciation for the assistance of Farmington Hills in this matter and recommended approval of the agreement.

02-02-660 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Hartsock, to approve an agreement for the Farmington Road Landscaping Project with attached Exhibits A and B, which commit the City to a contribution of \$25,900; funds provided in the Major Street Fund. [SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT].

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ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR SEWER INTERCEPTOR SIPHON EVALUATION. Administration advised that prior to bidding the rehabilitation of the Sewer Interceptor connection to Detroit, evaluation of the siphon is required to determine if a cured-in-place lining is possible.

Administration, on recommendation of the Director of Public Services, recommended waiving the bid process due to time constraints and accept the lowest quote.

John Hilz of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. was present to answer questions and also informed Council that these costs are grant eligible. In response to a question from Council, Mr. Hilz indicated that they have a good idea of where the siphon lines that need to be evaluated are located. Mr. Hilz responded to questions by stating that the entire project should be completed this year and the siphon evaluation would begin shortly.

City Manager Lauhoff responded to a question by stating that if the cured-in-place lining method is not viable, alternative methods would be covered by grants.

02-02-661 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to waive the normal bid process and accept the lowest quote by SBG Construction, Inc. of Westland, Michigan for the interceptor siphon evaluation at time and materials consistent with MDOT schedules at a rate of \$3,924.90 per eight-hour day with a \$1,500.00 mobilization fee and estimated project cost of \$25,000.00; funds provided from the Water and Sewer Fund.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AND BY-LAWS TO CREATE A COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT. Administration advised that based on the need to preserve and enhance the aesthetic and environmental qualities of the Farmington community, Council has expressed a desire to create a Commission to address specific issues related to this need.

02-02-662 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Hartsock, to adopt a resolution and by-laws that would officially create a Commission on the Environment for the City of Farmington. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

Council member McShane expressed her strong support for this commission and expressed her hope that this commission would be innovative and forward thinking.

Council member Hartsock stated that based on research through the Michigan Municipal League there is nothing similar to this commission in the state and perhaps this commission, with its diverse responsibilities and innovative ideas, will be a model for other cities.

City Manager Lauhoff responded to a question by stating that recruitment of commission members would be done through local newspaper advertising and he has a list of residents who have also expressed interest.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mitchell, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Bush.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARBITRATION DECISION ON COAM RENEWAL AGREEMENT. Administration advised that an arbitration decision was reached regarding the Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM) renewal of an employment agreement with the City that would cover the period from July 01, 1999 to June 30, 2002. Administration further advised that the union's proposal for wages was adopted and the City's proposals on all other issues were adopted.

02-02-663 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Hartsock, to receive and file the arbitration decision on the Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM) renewal collective bargaining agreement for the period from July 01, 1999 to June 30, 2002.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT.

No Public Comments were heard.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Mayor Mitchell commented on the opportunity Council had to tour the new construction at the Farmington Hills Library on Twelve Mile prior to City Council meeting. He stated that it is a very unique building and one in which we can be proud.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
QUARTERLY REPORT – OCTOBER 1, 2001 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2001.**

02-02-664 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to receive and file the Department of Public Works & Water and Sewer Department report for quarter ended December 31, 2001. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FINANCIAL REPORT: QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001.

02-02-665 MOTION by Hartsock, seconded by McShane, to receive and file the financial report for quarter ended December 31, 2001. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENTS REPORT

02-02-666 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Hartsock, to approve the monthly payments report for January, 2002. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

02-02-667 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Campbell, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

JAMES K. MITCHELL, MAYOR

PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

