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**SPECIAL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

A Special Study Session meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on December 17, 2012, in Conference Room A, Farmington City Hall, Farmington, MI. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor J.T. Buck.

**1. ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
J.T. Buck	Mayor	Present	
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Kristin Kuiken	Councilmember	Present	
JoAnne McShane	Councilmember	Present	

**City Administration Present**

Attorney Dovre  
Director Christiansen (arrived 6:25 p.m.)  
City Clerk Halberstadt  
City Manager Pastue

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	JoAnne McShane, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane

**3. REVIEW OF ITEMS ON REGULAR AGENDA**

Pastue discussed changes to Resolution No. 3 - Grove Street Improvement Project including the addition of Paragraph 2 and the actual dollar amount for the assessment in Paragraph 3.

Pastue requested an additional \$5k appropriation for the Community Visioning Program in case additional funds are needed.

Pastue requested Council take formal action on the resignations of Gerald Wasen and Dave Cornwell from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board.

Discussion followed regarding potential candidates for the DDA Board.

Council agreed to appoint Cindy Wells to the DDA Board at the regular meeting.

Galvin questioned the order of the two ordinances on the regular agenda. He recommended moving the introduction of the ordinance regarding definition of livestock prior to the adoption of the ordinance concerning keeping of horses.

#### **4. BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEW**

##### **A. Carmen Francis - Children, Youth & Families**

Council interviewed Carmen Francis for a position on the Commission on Children, Youth and Families.

#### **5. MEETING WITH MANIFOLD VENTURES - THE GROVES SHOPPING CENTER**

Charlie Kuhn and Tom Duke of Manifold Ventures were present to discuss proposed changes to the Groves Shopping Center.

McShane expressed support for the proposed improvements. She believed this project could be a turning point for downtown Farmington.

Responding to a question from Kuiken, Mr. Kuhn stated they are limited in making changes to the Center's sign since it is part of the T.J. Maxx lease, however, their preference is to bring the sign down.

Discussion followed regarding the impact of events on downtown businesses.

In response to a question, Mr. Kuhn discussed their approach to recruiting tenants.

Both Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Duke indicated working with Farmington has been a positive experience. Kuhn stated everyone has been very helpful.

#### **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

Buck questioned the impact of recently passed legislation on Farmington.

Pastue will provide an analysis of the changes and their impact on the City at the January 7th meeting.

#### **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brian Belesky, Vice-Chair of the Public Access Promotions Committee, announced he has secured two performances of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir to be aired on the city's local access channel.

Buck expressed appreciation to Mr. Belesky for his efforts in providing unique programming.

Annabelle Gabel, 23089 Violet, asked about digital technology for the Civic Theater.

Pastue responded the industry has moved from 35mm to digital films and the Civic must follow suit. He spoke about possible financial assistance from the State Historic Preservation Society in making this conversion.

**8. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Buck thanked City Manager Pastue for inviting the owners of Manifold Ventures to the meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**1. Motion to adjourn the meeting.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kristin Kuiken, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Buck, Cowley, Galvin, Kuiken, McShane

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Mayor J.T. Buck

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_