

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, August 20, 2007 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 8:37 p.m. by Mayor McShane.

PRESENT: Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright.

ABSENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: Director Gushman, City Clerk Halberstadt, Director Nebus, City Manager Pastue, Assistant City Manager Richards, Attorney Schultz, Treasurer Weber.

CONSENT AGENDA

08-07-141 MOTION by Wright, seconded by Buck, to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- A. Special and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2007
- B. Fourth Quarter Report: Farmington Building Department - April 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007
- C. Fourth Quarter Report: Department of Public Works and Water and Sewer Department – April 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007
- D. Farmington Monthly Payments Report – July 2007
- E. Monthly Public Safety Report – July 2007
- F. Appointment of Delegate for Annual MML Annual Meeting
- G. Drake Park as a Staging Area for the Michigan Breast Cancer 3-day Walk Event
- H. Special Event Request – American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- I. Agreements with Botsford Hospital and Community EMS to withdraw Blood from OWI Drivers
- J. Temporary Outdoor Sales, J&R Flooring, 23311 Orchard Lake Road

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

08-07-142 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

DOWNTOWN WALKABILITY COMMITTEE

Review of Recommended Improvements

City Traffic Engineer Bob DeCorte presented recommendations from the Downtown Walkability Committee regarding changes and improvements in pedestrian crosswalks and speed limit signs in the Downtown area. He noted that there is little or no cost associated with the proposed changes.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Wiggins, Mr. DeCorte recommended against installing signs at each crosswalk because a plethora of signs comprises the longitudinal walks along the sidewalk.

Councilmember Wright questioned painting the brick paver crosswalks. Mr. DeCorte responded that painting all the crosswalks would provide uniformity. In a discussion of how the crosswalks would be painted, Mr. DeCorte stated parallel lines could be painted on either side of each crosswalk using white thermoplastic paint.

Mayor McShane asked about the City's liability and questioned whether a european design could be used in creating visual walkways. Mr. DeCorte stated there is no liability to the City and brick pavers do not stand out enough.

Mr. DeCorte continued his presentation with a discussion of proposed locations for speed limit signs in the Downtown.

Dave Cornwell, Chairman of the Walkability Committee, commented on the great cooperation his committee has received from the Director of Public Safety, Chuck Nebus. He noted that the proposed crosswalk and signage recommendations are phase one of the Downtown Walkability Plan. He discussed the vision Dan Burden of Walkable Communities Inc. provided for the Downtown. He recommended placement of pedestal signs at the crosswalks.

Steve Schneemann, member of the Walkability Committee, thanked Bob Decorte and Dave Cornwell for their vision. He emphasized that the committee is requesting placement of sandwich board signs in the crosswalks that indicate yielding to pedestrians is state law. He further emphasized the importance of substantially painted crosswalks to inform drivers that Farmington is a walking town.

Mayor McShane asked about the number of A-Frame signs and length of time they would be placed in the walkways. Director Nebus responded they propose using paneled signs that would sit in a weighted base or mounted to Grand River Road depending on the recommendation from MDOT. He stated initially only a

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few would be used in order to test their effectiveness. He cited the success of these signs in other communities.

Resolution of Support

City Manager Pastue, referring to paragraph six, item number three, of the Downtown Walkability Resolution, requested deletion of the phrase “and pedestrian crossing signs at the crosswalks.”

RESOLUTION 08-07-143 Motion by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to adopt a resolution as amended, deleting the phrase “and pedestrian crossing signs at the crosswalks” in the sixth paragraph, item number three, in support of recommendations submitted by the Downtown Walkability Committee and authorize implementation of the Plan recommendations. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Consideration to Approve Temporary Liquor License for Harvest Moon Dance, October 5, 2007

08-07-144 MOTION by Wright, seconded by Buck, to approve the Downtown Development Authority’s application for a temporary liquor license for the Harvest Moon Dance scheduled for Friday, October 5, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Sundquist Pavilion and Riley Park Plaza. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DDA Update, Executive Director Annette Knowles

Annette Knowles’ presentation was delayed until a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM NORTH STAR DESTINATIONS STRATEGIES TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY BRANDPRINT

Councilmember Wright expressed concern regarding the full cost of the proposal and whether it included a follow-up review to evaluate the success of the program.

Councilmember Buck, along with members of the IDeA Project Team, assured Council that the cost of the follow-up review was included in the proposal.

Councilmember Wiggins pointed out that the follow-up review is in fact part of the contract.

Councilmember Knol noted that a “no” vote may disappoint many in the audience, but she expressed her appreciation to those who have put their time

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and effort into this project. She cited other options to the IDeA Project, noting her support of the DDA, walkability in the Downtown, façade and grant improvements, and more funding for events in Downtown Farmington and a coordinated advertising and marketing plan.

Knol stated she remained unconvinced that the City and DDA were receiving the “biggest bang for the buck” with the North Star proposal. She stated if Council passed the proposal she would support it 100%.

RESOLUTION 08-07-145 Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Buck, to accept a proposal from North Star Destination Strategies, Inc. to develop a community BrandPrint in the amount of \$58,900, subject to approval and cost share with the Downtown Development Authority and review by the City Attorney, and to appropriate an additional \$10,000 to Community Development activity from the Fund Balance. [SEE ATTACHED PROPOSAL].

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Buck, McShane, Wiggins, Wright.

Nays: Knol.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor McShane stated her decision regarding the North Star proposal was a difficult one. She further stated that coming into the meeting she was on the fence until she viewed a presentation from North Star. She acknowledged the legitimate concerns expressed by Councilmember Knol.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE C-724-2007 TO AMEND CITY ZONING MAP, 33350 NINE MILE ROAD FROM INDUSTRIAL TO COMMERCIAL-2

08-07-146 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to introduce Ordinance C-724-2007 to amend the City Zoning Map, rezoning parcel at 33350 Nine Mile Road from Industrial to Commercial 2. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

INTRODUCE ORDINANCE C-725-2007 TO AMEND CHAPTER 14, FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Director Nebus provided a brief review of the proposed ordinance. He stated the proposed amendment would bring the City’s Fire Prevention Code up-to-date by adopting the International Fire Code, 2006 Edition, by reference. He further stated the ordinance clearly defines what is allowed for outdoor burning, including recent popular use of chimneas.

08-07-147 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Buck, to introduce Ordinance C-725-2007 to amend Chapter 14 of the City Code, Fire Prevention Code. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO RENEW FARMINGTON ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY

RESOLUTION 08-07-148 MOTION by Wright, seconded by Wiggins, to approve an agreement in the amount of \$19,921.09 with the Road Commission for Oakland County for the maintenance of Farmington Road, between Eight Mile and Grand River, for a one-year period beginning October 1, 2007. [SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT].

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE #4 FOR THE SHIAWASSEE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND #2 FOR THE WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION 08-07-149 MOTION by Wright, seconded by Knol, to approve payment of construction estimate #4 to Peter A. Basile Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$258,314.96 for the Shiawassee Road Reconstruction and Water Main Improvement Project.

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FROM LSL PLANNING TO UPDATE CITY MASTER LAND USE PLAN

RESOLUTION 08-07-150 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to approve a proposal from LSL Planning Inc. in the amount of \$29,000, to update the City's Master Land Use Plan. [SEE ATTACHED PROPOSAL].

ROLL CALL

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

CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE COMMISSION OF BRONZE SCULPTURE FOR THE GOVERNOR WARNER MUSEUM

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Dick Carvell, representing the Warner Museum, indicated the cost of the sculpture will be covered through private contributions. He projected the sculpture would be ready by early summer of 2008.

RESOLUTION 08-07-151 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Wright, to commission Bernadette Zachara-Marcos to sculpt a bronze statue of Martha Davis Warner and her daughter Odessa for placement in the Museum gardens in the amount of \$30,000, funding provided by charitable contributions. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF IN-CAR CAMERAS

RESOLUTION 08-07-152 MOTION by Wright, seconded by Knol, to authorize purchase of six Panasonic Arbitrator in-car cameras in the amount of \$40,544 and an additional \$7,000 for hardware and software support.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

08-07-153 MOTION by Buck, seconded by Knol, to accept the resignation of Alton Bennett from the Planning Commission; to appoint Kristin Kuiken to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2010; to appoint Kevin Christensen to serve as the Planning Commission representative on the Board of Zoning Appeals; and to appoint Alton Bennett to complete an unexpired term on the Board of Zoning Appeals ending June 30, 2010. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was heard.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Wiggins announced "Taste of the Farms" event scheduled for September 20, 2007 to benefit Farmington Youth Assistance.

Mayor McShane encouraged Council participation in the upcoming Michigan Municipal League conference in Traverse City.

Council concurred to discuss the Shared Services/Consolidate Study Proposal at the next special meeting.

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**CLOSED SESSION – REVIEW OF CITY ATTORNEY’S CONFIDENTIAL
CORRESPONDENCE**

08-07-154 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Buck, to enter into closed session to review City Attorney confidential correspondence.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright, Buck.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council entered into closed session at 10:10 p.m. and returned to open session at 10:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

08-07-155 Motion by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

JoAnne M. McShane, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: September 17, 2007