

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 16, 2008

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, June 16, 2008, 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 Knol.

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

**ABSENT:** None.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**06-08-105** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- Regular Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2008
- Special Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2008
- Farmington Monthly Payments Report – May 2008
- Public Safety Monthly Report – May 2008

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**06-08-106** MOTION by Wright, seconded by Buck, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**2007 MISS OAKLAND COUNTY AND 2008 PAGEANT CONTESTANTS –  
FRANCESCA TUZZOLINO**

Francesca Tuzzolino, Director of Miss Oakland County Pageant, provided an update on the 2008 Pageant. Pageant Contestants were present to introduce themselves and talk about their platform.

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**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE SWEET DREAMZZZ WALK SPECIAL  
EVENT REQUEST**

**06-08-107** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Wright, to approve a special event request as presented from Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc. to conduct a 5.4 km sleep walk beginning and ending at the pavilion in Shiawassee Park, on Saturday, September 20, 2008, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; route as designated in the letter of request. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**2007 PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT**

Director Chuck Nebus presented the 2007 Public Safety Annual Report. He thanked Council for their support and involvement in the Public Safety Department.

Nebus reported Part "A" serious crime was down 12% in 2007. He noted a 36% increase in medical runs and an unprecedented 162 drunk driving arrests. He further noted most of the drunk driving arrests were not residents and rarely have they been drinking at licensed establishments in Farmington or Farmington Hills. He advised there were 413 car accidents last year which was a 20% increase. He stated the reason for the increase related to harsh weather conditions.

Nebus noted the department made a significant 886 arrests which demonstrates the officers are working hard and keeping crime down.

Nebus pointed out there were two severe storms in 2007 that resulted in down wires, fires and mutual aid requests. He stated the Public Safety Officers performed brilliantly during those storms. He noted there were 148 fire runs last year.

Nebus reported the Public Safety Department (DPS) now provides 66 different community policing programs.

Nebus noted the recent collaboration report confirmed the efficiency and effectiveness of DPS including the incredible response times.

Councilmember Wiggins noted Part "A" or serious crime was the lowest in five years and Parts "B" & "C" self-initiated and service calls were up which means not only are the officers doing a fine job in keeping crime down, but are responding to more calls for service.

Councilmember McShane stated DPS has done a phenomenal job of containing costs while providing excellent service with the same number of officers doing both police and fire. She noted the personal attention residents receive from the department.

Nebus noted it has been 25 years since any staff has been added to the department.

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Councilmember Buck congratulated Director Nebus and his staff on their excellent performance and providing a terrific report. He noted the program providing e-mail crime alerts is a wonderful way of engaging the community. He stated the department's record on solving crimes is impressive. He recognized the value of mutual aid and cross community programs.

Councilmember Wright stated one of the more important aspects of a quality community is safety. He further stated this community is known for its safety due to the talent and quality of the DPS. He noted the increase in petty crime and speculated its relationship to the current economic conditions.

Mayor Knol thanked Director Nebus for his excellent report. She questioned the significant increase in medical runs and wondered if this could be a trend. Nebus responded it could be related to an aging population, but was unsure of the exact cause.

Mayor Knol thanked Director Nebus for all his efforts in providing a safe community. She encouraged DPS to be vigilant in providing the schools with a safe environment for children to learn.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT OAKLAND COUNTY WEST NILE GRANT**

**RESOLUTION 06-08-108** Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Buck, to adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a reimbursement request to Oakland County in the amount of \$3,641 under the West Nile Virus Fund program. [\[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION\]](#).

**ROLL CALL**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE #1 FOR THE POWER ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS**

**RESOLUTION 06-08-109** Motion by Wright, seconded by Buck, to approve payment of construction estimate #1 to Sole Construction in the amount of \$252,998.53 for the Power Road Project.

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ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FROM THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY TO CLOSE FARMINGTON ROAD FOR FOUNDERS FESTIVAL**

**RESOLUTION 06-08-110** Motion by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to adopt a resolution requesting permission from the Road Commission for Oakland County to close Farmington Road during the Founders Festival, beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2008 and re-opened for traffic on Monday, July 21, 2008, at 12:00 p.m. **[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]**. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION 06-08-111** Motion by Buck, seconded by McShane, to adopt a resolution approving Budget Amendment Nos. 13 and 14 for Fiscal Year 2007-08 budget as presented. **[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]**.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**RESOLUTION 06-08-112** Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Wright, to adopt a resolution approving Fiscal Year 2008-09 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Budget in the amount of \$20,600. **[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]**.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE RIVERVIEW COURT**

Councilmember McShane asked whether the City will provide maintenance costs of the proposed vacated street to affected residents. She further asked whether it is a common practice for Cities to maintain roads within private developments.

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City Manager Pastue identified costs related to the proposed vacated streets. He confirmed it is common for cities to maintain roads in private developments, but that trend is reversing.

**RESOLUTION 06-08-113** Motion by McShane, seconded by Buck, to adopt a resolution to schedule a public hearing for Monday, July 21, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to consider vacating Riverview Court. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE BROOKDALE**

**RESOLUTION 06-08-114** Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Wright, to adopt a resolution to schedule a public hearing for Monday, July 21, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to consider vacating Brookdale Court. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Hank Borgman, Farmington resident, discussed positive experiences he has had with the Department of Public Safety. He noted the high regard the community has for the department.

Mike Rogers, Oakland County Commissioner, announced a town hall meeting would be held on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Maxfield Training Center regarding the proposed millage increase by the Oakland County Zoological Authority.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

Councilmember McShane asked how the City weathered the recent storms. Director Gushman responded the City had a minimal amount of clean-up compared to surrounding communities. Director Nebus stated there were no emergencies of any magnitude or fire runs.

Councilmember Wright asked if the City had considered adopting a flex work schedule similar to Oakland County. Pastue responded City staff is currently reviewing options including working nine days in a two week period.

Wright asked regarding a crosswalk on Farmington between Grand River and Alta Loma. Gushman responded that he has been in discussions with MDOT regarding reimbursement for the cost of the Grand River crosswalk. He stated the Oakland County Road Commission would like a letter from the City identifying where the crosswalk will be placed on Farmington Road.

Mayor Knol asked about signage related to the crosswalks. Director Nebus stated the City is waiting for approval from MDOT to place the A-frame signage on the Grand River crosswalks. He will seek approval from the Road Commission for signage when the crosswalk is installed on Farmington Road.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**06-08-115** Motion by Wright, seconded by McShane, to adjourn the meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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Valerie S. Knol, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: July 21, 2008