

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2009

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, May 18, 2009, 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.

ABSENT: Wright.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

05-09-095 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by McShane, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- A. Special meeting minutes of April 20, 2009
- B. Regular meeting minutes of April 20, 2009
- C. Jointly funded agencies meeting minutes of April 21, 2009
- D. Special budget meeting minutes of April 29, 2009
- E. Special meeting minutes of May 4, 2009
- F. City of Farmington Monthly Payments Report – April 2009
- G. Farmington financial report quarter ended March 31, 2009
- H. 47th District Court financial report quarter ended March 31, 2009
- I. Farmington investment report quarter ended March 31, 2009
- J. Public Safety Monthly Report – April 2009
- K. Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club outdoor events

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

05-09-096 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

ROUSH MANUFACTURING INC. INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATION

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Mark Slack, representing Roush Manufacturing, Inc., stated it is a pleasure for the company and its employees to be located in the City of Farmington. He advised they are currently 80% operational.

Public Hearing

Mayor Knol requested a motion to open the public hearing.

05-09-097 MOTION by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to open the public hearing to receive public comment regarding the Roush Manufacturing Inc. Facilities Tax Exemption Application. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Hearing no public comment, Mayor Knol requested a motion to close the public hearing.

05-09-098 MOTION by Buck, seconded by McShane, to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Consideration to Adopt Resolution Approving Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Application and Agreement

McShane advised Council has given careful consideration to this request and determined approval is in the best interest of the City. She noted this is the first time the City has agreed to a tax abatement. She stated this is an excellent opportunity for a very good company to relocate to a building in the City that has been vacant for some time. She expressed hope this move will bring jobs and increased business to the community.

RESOLUTION 05-09-099 Motion by McShane, seconded by Buck, to adopt a resolution to approve Roush Manufacturing Inc.'s Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Application and Agreement. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION AND AGREEMENT].

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Buck.

Nays: None.

Absent: Wright.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISS FARMINGTON – Sara Duhr

Sara Duhr spoke about her experiences over the last year as 2008 Miss Farmington. She discussed the upcoming 2009 pageant and the establishment of a Miss Farmington rose garden at City Hall.

Several contestants for the 2009 Miss Farmington pageant were present to introduce themselves and identify their platform.

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2008 MISS OAKLAND COUNTY, SHEILA KLEIN AND 2009 PAGEANT CONTESTANTS

Sheila Klein discussed her experience as 2008 Miss Oakland County and noted her upcoming participation in the Miss Michigan pageant.

Several contestants for the 2009 Miss Oakland County pageant were present to introduce themselves and identify their talent and platform for the event.

PROCLAMATION – MAY/MENTAL HEALTH MONTH 2009

Council proclaimed May 2009 as Mental Health month in the City of Farmington.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SOURCE OF UNIVERSAL LOVE (S.O.U.L.) AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE CITY OF FARMINGTON FOR PURPOSES OF RECEIVING A CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE

Patty Gillie advised the purpose of her organization, S.O.U.L. is to provide help to people in need. She noted their new location will be on Grand River in the former Gazette building.

Responding to a question from McShane, Gillie stated they have not yet made a connection with the Neighborhood House.

RESOLUTION 05-09-100 Motion by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to adopt a resolution recognizing the Source of Universal Love (S.O.U.L.) as a non-profit organization within the City of Farmington for the purposes of receiving a charitable gaming license. **[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]**. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

Director Nebus, representing the Emergency Preparedness Commission, provided a safety tip of the month regarding being prepared for summer-related situations such as dehydration and excessive exercising.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE C-742-2009 AMENDING THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE THE GRAND RIVER STREETScape PROJECT

05-09-101 MOTION by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to adopt Ordinance C-742-2009 to approve an amendment to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Farmington Downtown Development Authority to include the Grand River Streetscape Project. **[SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE]**.

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ROLL CALL

Ayes: McShane, Wiggins, Buck, Knol.

Nays: None.

Absent: Wright.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE C-743-2009 TO AMEND AND CLARIFY ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL REGISTRATION PROGRAM

City Administration referenced an earlier meeting in which City Attorney Schultz recommended adding a sentence to the fourth paragraph in Section 19-202 that would read, "For properties that are not registered within the required time, an additional fee for the added cost of the City's expenses in having to determine ownership, which may include, but is not limited to, title searches, shall be assessed and immediately payable. The payment of all fees required under this article is secured by a lien against the property which may be placed on the tax roll for collection in the same manner and subject to the same interest and penalties applicable to delinquent special assessments."

05-09-102 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Buck, to adopt Ordinance C-743-2009 to amend the Farmington City Code, Chapter 19, Nuisance, to add a new article, Article IX, "Abandoned Residential Property Registration and Maintenance" to clarify extent of its application, as amended to add a sentence to the fourth paragraph under Section 19-202 relating to fees. **[SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE]**. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Wiggins, Buck, Knol, McShane.

Nays: None.

Absent: Wright.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FOR PROPOSED FY 2009-10 BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX RATE

05-09-103 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to schedule a public hearing to review the FY 2009-10 proposed budget and millage rate, on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. and authorize the City Clerk to publish a notice of the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO CERTIFY 2008 DELINQUENT INVOICES, AND WATER AND SEWER BILLS

Responding to a question from Councilmember McShane, Treasurer Weber advised all of the delinquent amounts are placed on the tax roll. He stated if the

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delinquent charges go unpaid they are transferred to the County. The County at that point pays the City for all the delinquent amounts.

Mayor Knol expressed surprise the 2009 delinquent charges are less than 2008. Weber stated there are two reasons for this decrease: 1) water and sewerage use is down significantly, and 2) residents who were experiencing previous financial difficulty may be in foreclosure and the banks are making payments.

RESOLUTION 05-09-104 Motion by Wiggins, seconded by McShane, to place delinquent invoices and delinquent water and sewer bills, in the amount of \$119,404.56 on the 2009 City of Farmington tax roll pursuant to City Code. [SEE ATTACHED LISTING].

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins.

Nays: None.

Absent: Wright.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO CONTINUE GENERAL ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR SWOCC

RESOLUTION 05-09-105 Motion by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to authorize continuation of general accounting services for SWOCC for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2009, with compensation set at \$14,920 in cash, and in-kind production services equivalent to \$5,579.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Buck.

Nays: None.

Absent: Wright.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS

Councilmember Buck noted how fortunate the City is to have such talented and active volunteers.

Planning Commission

05-09-106 MOTION by Buck, seconded by McShane, to reappoint Kevin Christiansen and Jeffery Scott to the Planning Commission for 3-year terms ending June 30, 2012. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Farmington Employees Retirement System

05-09-107 MOTION by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to reappoint Gerald Wasen to the Retirement System Board of Trustees for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2012. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Traffic & Safety Board

05-09-108 MOTION by Buck, seconded by McShane, to reappoint Duane Reynolds and Kenneth Chiara to the Traffic and Safety Board for 3-year terms ending July 31, 2012. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Zoning Board of Appeals

05-09-109 MOTION by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to reappoint Steven Majoros to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2012. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Belesky, SWOCC volunteer, advised DTE taped a cable show on home energy efficiency which will be a Farmington 15 exclusive.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Buck noted the terrific job Brian is doing to ensure Channel 15 offers a variety and selection of innovative programs.

Buck noted the City recently received notice from the State that revenue sharing would be reduced. He stated it is extremely disappointing that the State has been unable to solve its own budget issues and is now pushing the burden down to local governments.

McShane recommended the City include in the next newsletter the availability of "video on demand" for residents to view City meetings, etc. on the web.

Knol noted there is a vacancy on the Commission on Aging. She further noted there is an opportunity for a college age resident to serve on the Michigan Suburbs Alliance. She stated they are looking for younger volunteers who will represent the ideas and concerns of their generation.

Knol announced Sue Buck, reporter for the Farmington Observer, has been transferred to another community. She wished her the best in her new endeavor.

ADJOURNMENT

05-09-110 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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Valerie S. Knol, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: June 15, 2009