

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 20, 2009

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, July 20, 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, Wiggins, Wright.

ABSENT: McShane.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

07-09-152 MOTION by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- A. Special meeting minutes of June 15, 2009
- B. Regular meeting minutes of June 15, 2009
- C. Special meeting minutes of June 11, 2009
- D. Public Safety Monthly Report – June 2009
- E. City of Farmington Monthly Payments Report – June 2009
- F. Building Department Fourth Quarter Report – April - June 2009
- G. Participation in the election of the Governing Board of the MML Workers' Compensation Fund
- H. Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

07-09-153 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Buck, to approve the agenda as amended; adding Item 7G. *Grand River Streetscape Project – Change Order No. 1* under New Business. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE SWEET DREAMZZZ WALK SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST

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07-09-154 MOTION by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to approve a special event request from Sweet Dreamzzz, Inc. to conduct a 5.4k Sleepwalk Run Fundraiser on Saturday, September 26, 2009 in the City of Farmington. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH

Director Nebus, representing the Emergency Preparedness Commission, provided a safety tip of the month regarding building relationships with your neighbors to ensure safe neighborhoods; and keeping garage doors closed. He announced Fire Marshal Madeline is now certified as a Child Passenger Safety Expert.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE STATE TRUNKLINE CONTRACT WITH MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION 07-09-155 MOTION by Wright, seconded by Wiggins, to approve a five-year State Trunkline Maintenance Contract (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2014) with the Michigan Department of Transportation and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract on behalf of the City. [SEE ATTACHED CONTRACT].

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Knol, Wiggins, Wright, Buck.

Nays: None.

Absent: McShane.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION TO AMEND INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL CHARGES

Responding to a question from Councilmember Wiggins, Pastue advised there are currently no businesses that would be affected by this proposed rate change.

In response to a question from Councilmember Buck, Pastue confirmed the rate change is based on increased rates from the Detroit Water and Sewer Department (DWSD).

Treasurer Weber clarified there are two separate charges covered by the proposed amendment to the City Fee Schedule: Industrial Waste Control (IWC) and Industrial Surcharge rates. He advised the IWC charge would affect

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residents depending on the size of their meter. He confirmed there are no businesses under which the Industrial Surcharge rate would apply.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Wright, Pastue stated the City has advised residents of the change in water and sewer rates through local publications. He further stated information would be provided in the first quarterly billing affected by the change.

RESOLUTION 07-09-156 Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Wright, to adopt a resolution to amend Chapter 11, Section 18, of the city Fee Schedule dealing with Industrial Wastewater Control Charges effective July 1, 2009. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Wiggins, Wright, Buck, Knol.

Nays: None.

Absent: McShane.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A BID TO PURCHASE LAND VIA THE OAKLAND COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE TAX REVERSION PROCESS

RESOLUTION 07-09-157 Motion by Buck, seconded by Wright, to a adopt a resolution authorizing City Administration to bid a not-to-exceed amount of \$850 to purchase parcel number 23-27-452-031 through the County Treasurer's Tax Reversion Process. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Wright, Buck, Knol, Wiggins.

Nays: None.

Absent: McShane.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ESTIMATE NO. 2 FOR THE GRAND RIVER STREETScape AND WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION 07-09-158 Motion by Wright, seconded by Buck, to approve payment of Construction Estimate #2 to Peter A. Basile Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$186,910.18 for work completed on the Grand River Streetscape and Water Main Improvement Project.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Buck, Knol, Wiggins, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: McShane.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REAPPOINTMENT – FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION

07-09-159 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Wright, to reappoint James McGlincy to the Farmington Area Arts Commission for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2012. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MARION MIDDLEBROOKS FROM THE FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION

07-09-160 MOTION by Wright, seconded by Buck, to accept the resignation of Marion Middlebrooks from the Farmington Area Arts Commission. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

GRAND RIVER STREETScape PROJECT – CHANGE ORDER # 1

RESOLUTION 07-09-161 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Buck, to approve Grand River Streetscape Project Change Order #1 to increase the overall contract amount by \$227,427.78 based on the following: increase Streetscape cost by \$78,125.02; increase to include water main replacement by \$141,456.90 with funds coming from the Water and Sewer Fund; and increase to include State Street/Farmington Road crosswalk by \$7,845.86 with funds coming from the Major Street Fund.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Knol, Wiggins, Wright, Buck.

Nays: None.

Absent: McShane.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Murray, 21564 Chestnut, requested clarification concerning an ordinance under consideration by the City of Farmington Hills to allow carrying a concealed weapon in public parks.

Public Safety Director Nebus responded the City of Farmington Hills is in the process of making the ordinance change in order to comply with State Law that allows anyone over age 18 to carry a concealed weapon in public.

Brian Golden, 33414 Oakland, thanked Council for allowing the Historical booth to be set up on City Hall property during Founders Festival. He discussed the success of the booth, Historical tours and activities at the Warner Mansion during the festival. He expressed appreciation to Council for their support of all these activities.

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COUNCIL COMMENT

Wiggins questioned whether the vendor selling glo-sticks during the Founders Festival was authorized by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Wiggins announced the annual Duck Race, fundraiser for the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families, scheduled for August 15th at 3:00 p.m.

Buck thanked Mr. Golden for his comments and developing a wonderful program promoting Farmington/Farmington Hills history.

Buck congratulated the DDA on the success of the Founders Festival.

Buck requested placing SMART Transportation Service on an upcoming agenda. He would like an evaluation regarding the success of this program and an exploration of possible alternatives to that service.

Buck requested Council make reappointments of Boards and Commissions members prior to expiration of their terms.

Pastue stated the City makes every effort to address reappointments well in advance of expiration dates, but acknowledged a couple of oversights recently.

Wright inquired regarding a fire hydrant at Cass and Oakland Streets that is surrounded by orange cones.

Director Gushman indicated the hydrant was found not to be functioning properly during a recent fire response by Public Safety. He stated his department is waiting till after the Founders Festival to make the repairs.

Responding to a further question from Wright, Director Gushman indicated every Fall the hydrants are pumped down to ensure there is no residual water in the barrel of the hydrants so they don't freeze and split. He stated it would not be feasible to turn on every hydrant in the City every year to ensure they are all functioning.

Wright commented the modifications made to the Festival were very effective. He noted the positive changes to the children's activities further reinforced Farmington is a family oriented community.

Knol thanked everyone involved in the Founders Festival and specifically cited a number of individuals and departments who contributed to its success. She discussed the importance of the Festival to the community.

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ADJOURNMENT

07-09-162 MOTION by Wright, seconded by Wiggins, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Valerie S. Knol, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approved: August 17, 2009