

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, April 17, 2000, in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 276-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Hartsock.

**PRESENT:** Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

**ABSENT:** None.

**CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards, Assessor Sailer (present for discussion on agenda item 9B).

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Harry Kirk, a student at East Middle School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**04-00-119** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**04-00-120** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Bush, to approve the minutes of the Special and Regular meetings of April 3, 2000 and the Special meeting of March 27, 2000 as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION: RECOGNIZING THE EFFORTS OF MR. DOUG DADISMAN AND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT LEGAL SERVICES.**

Mayor Hartsock reviewed events leading up to securing asylum for Selim and Sevdije Vllasaliu. Mayor Hartsock introduced Doug Dadisman, attorney for the Archdiocese of Detroit, who introduced members of the Archdiocese and thanked Council, Senator Levin, Representative Knollenberg, local newspapers, and local businesses, for their assistance. Mayor Hartsock presented Mr. Dadisman with a proclamation recognizing him and the Archdiocese of Detroit for their efforts on behalf of the Vllasalius.

Congressman Knollenberg presented Sevdije Vllasaliu with a flag that was flown over the Capital to commemorate the grant of asylum to the Vllasaliu family and he welcomed them to America.

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Mayor Hartsock thanked the local newspapers for printing human-interest stories. Mrs. Vllasaliu thanked everyone for their help.

**PRESENTATION: 47TH DISTRICT COURT 1999 ANNUAL REPORT - DAVID WALSH, COURT ADMINISTRATOR.**

David Walsh, Court Administrator, presented the 47th District Court's 1999 Annual Report, noting accomplishments for the year: planning for a new court facility; working towards authorization for a third judge, implementation of a public access computer terminal, handling increased caseload activity, and improvements in the budget and finance area, and he concluded by noting the various departments within the court system.

Discussion followed regarding remote inquiry access to the court database by the Public Safety Department.

**MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS**

**04-00-121** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to receive and file the minutes of the following Boards and Commissions:

- Downtown Development Authority minutes of April 4, 2000.
- Farmington Employees Retirement system Board of Trustees minutes of March 16, 2000.
- Planning Commission minutes of April 10, 2000.
- Historical Commission minutes of March 22, 2000.
- Beautification Commission minutes of March 8, 2000.
- Governor Warner Mansion Committee minutes of March 22, 2000.
- Commission on Children, Youth & Families minutes of March 2, 2000.
- Farmington Board of Education minutes of February 29, 2000 and Study Session minutes of March 14, 2000 and Spring Retreat minutes of March 21, 2000.
- Farmington Area Arts Commission minutes of March 16, 2000.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**LETTER FROM DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION RE: SIDEWALK SALES.** Administration advised that the Downtown Farmington Business Association requested permission to conduct sidewalk sales during the Farmington

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Family Fest. The Downtown Development Authority found no objection to the dates requested. Mrs. Deb Watson was present to answer Council's questions.

**04-00-122** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Mitchell, to approve additional sidewalk sale days in the Central Business District, sponsored by the Downtown Farmington Business Association, for June 21 and July 6, 7, and 8, 2000; and authorize the Public Services Department to provide maintenance during these times. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**LETTER FROM FARMINGTON COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL RE: REQUEST FOR BANNER OVER GRAND RIVER AVENUE.** Administration advised that the Farmington Community Arts Council requested to hang a banner over Grand River to promote the Festival of the Arts. Nancy Coumoundouros, Cultural Arts Coordinator, was present to support the request.

**04-00-123** MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to approve the request of the Farmington Community Arts Council to place a banner, 25' x 5' in size and promoting the Festival of Arts, to be hung across Grand River Avenue in the Liberty Street area from April 24 until May 8, 2000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**REQUEST FROM COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES  
DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 14-21, 2000 AS A "SALUTE TO THOSE WHOSE  
EFFORTS SUPPORT THE FAMILY."** Administration advised that the Commission on Children, Youth and Families requested a proclamation to support the family stating that a strong family provides the foundation for a positive future for parents, children and community. Joan McGlincy was present on behalf of the Commission.

**04-00-124** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to issue a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 14 - 21, 2000 as a "Salute to Those Whose Efforts Support the Family". MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESIGNATION FROM BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION.** Administration advised that Walt Gajewski resigned from the Beautification Commission in order to pursue other interest within the community.

**04-00-125** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Campbell, to accept the resignation of Walt Gajewski from the Beautification Commission and to send a letter of appreciation to him for his work on the Commission. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

**CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED FY 2000-2001 BUDGET.** Administration presented the City of Farmington's 2000-01 Proposed Budget and reviewed the legal and Charter requirements for determining the millage rate and adopting a budget.

**04-00-126** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Mitchell, to schedule a study session on May 2, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. to review the FY 2000-2001 Proposed Budget. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION OF LOT SPLIT: PARTS OF lots 2 AND 3, DIX SUBDIVISION AT 32316 GRAND RIVER.** Assessor Sailer reviewed Mr. Michael Schweder's request that a 20-foot strip of land along the westerly boundary of the commercial and residential property at 32316 Grand River be split so that the westerly 20 feet can be sold. Assessor Sailer stated that the split does not violate any provisions of the Land Division Act and it would allow the adjacent property to conform to the City's parking requirements.

Discussion followed regarding the process for rescinding a variance. Manager Lauhoff stated that he will review the process to rescind a variance and report back to Council.

**04-00-127** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to approve a lot split at 32316 Grand River, removing a 20 foot strip of land along the westerly boundary of property described as Parcel PN 23-27-404-011, parts of Lot 2 and 3 of the Dix Subdivision and labeled as Parcel D on the survey presented with the request for the lot split, and approval contingent on the property being added to the abutting property owned by Dr. Leonor. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCE #C-667-2000 TO AMEND CHAPTER 35, SECTION 35-206, SUBSECTION (A-3) CELLULAR TOWERS AND ANTENNAS.** Administration advised that Attorney Donohue reviewed the cellular tower and antenna ordinance and found that there are more restrictions in the ordinance than other side yard setback requirements in industrial districts, and that this ordinance should be more consistent with other setbacks in the zoning district. Administration and the Planning Commission recommend approval of the amendment.

**04-00-128** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Mitchell, to introduce Ordinance No. C-667-2000 to amend Chapter 35, Zoning Section 35-206, Cellular Towers and Antenna, Subsections A-3 and A-5, to revise setback and screening regulations applicable to cellular tower and antenna facilities. [SEE ATTACHED]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**CONSIDERATION TO AMEND BY-LAWS FOR THE GOVERNOR WARNER MANSION COMMITTEE.** Administration advised that the Governor Warner Mansion Committee requested amendments to their by-laws to address the co-chairperson leadership of the Committee, adjust the standing committees to provide that operations, maintenance and improvements are the responsibility of a single subcommittee and to add a newsletter subcommittee.

**04-00-129** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to approve amendments to Article I, Officers, Section 1.1 through 1.5 and Article V, Committees of the Governor Warner Mansion Committee By-Laws. [SEE ATTACHED ]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Gary Shemko, Management Development Vice President for the Jaycees, provided an update on Jaycee activities: he advised that Phyllis Howard was honored as the "volunteer of the year" at their Leadership Prayer Breakfast; between 400 - 450 children usually attend their Easter Egg Hunt; that there will be a "Second Chance Prom" on May 13, 2000 at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn to raise money for the Jaycees; a Wine and Cheese Social will be held on April 19, 2000; and that the Jaycees are planning a clean-up day at Shiawassee Park.

Manager Lauhoff asked how to register for events and Mr. Shemko stated that he could be contacted at P. O. Box 33, Farmington, MI. 48332 or phone: (248) 980-6339.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

There were no Council comments or announcements.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT REPORT - JANUARY 1, 2000 - MARCH 31, 2000.**

**04-00-130** MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to receive and file the Department of Public Works and Water and Sewer Department Report for January 1, 2000 to March 31, 2000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**BUILDING DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT - JANUARY 1, 2000 TO MARCH 31, 2000.**

**04-00-131** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Mitchell, to receive and file the Building Department Quarterly Report for January 1, 2000 to March 31, 2000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**04-00-132** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, MAYOR

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PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER