

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, May 15, 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 (arrived at 8:05 p.m.), City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

05-00-147 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Bush, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

05-00-148 MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 1, 2000 and special meeting of May 2, 2000 as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS

05-00-149 MOTION by Bush, seconded by Campbell, to receive and file the minutes of the following Boards and Commission:

- Planning Commission minutes of May 8, 2000.
- Special and regular Beautification Commission minutes of March 28, 2000 and April 12, 2000.
- Governor Warner Mansion Committee minutes of April 19, 2000.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECOGNITION: HARRY L. LAPHAM, SR. FOR YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE FARMINGTON COMMUNITY.

Mayor Hartsock presented a proclamation to Harry Lapham, Jr. recognizing the community service of his father; Harry L. Lapham, Sr. Mr. Lapham introduced family members in attendance. Mayor Hartsock commented on Mr. Lapham, Sr.'s service to the community.

**PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION: MARJORIE HOGAN CHELLSTORP, 2000
ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE**

Mayor Hartsock presented Marjorie Hogan Chellstorp with a proclamation recognizing her as the 2000 Artist-In-Residence Award recipient.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

LETTER FROM DR. C. ROBERT MAXFIELD, FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT RE: REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF "RESOLUTION OF AN APPEAL TO HOLLYWOOD". Administration advised that Dr. C. Robert Maxfield requested Council's support in an appeal to the entertainment industry to develop a code of conduct by supporting efforts aimed at an entertainment industry code of conduct made by the Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies at George Washington University.

05-00-150 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to adopt a resolution in support of an "Appeal to Hollywood". [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LETTER FROM MR. MICHAEL RICHARDS AT 33335 GRAND RIVER, REQUESTING A GROUND SIGN IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. Administration advised that the owners of the Village Mall had opened a stairway to the lower level of the building in the public sidewalk along Farmington Road at Grand River. The stairway is surrounded by a decorative fence that was approved by Council, and any signage would need to be approved by Council. Mr. Michael Richards, a tenant, requested permission to install an archway sign attached to the decorative wrought iron at the entrance to the stairway to advertise his photography business. The use of the historical stairwell for the building's lower level is unique and since there are no other buildings in the City with the same type of access there is no precedent for signage of this type.

Mr. Richards was present to answer Council's questions and stated that the lower level businesses find it difficult to attract clients and that the sign is critical for the survival of his business.

Council member Bush abstained from discussion and voting on this issue since her firm manages the building in question.

Council member McShane questioned how many other tenants were in the lower level of the building and where their signage is located. Mr. Richards replied that there are four tenants and they have signage inside the mall. Mr. Richards stated that he would prefer that his customers use the main entrance.

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Mayor Hartsock inquired if anyone uses the stairway to the lower level and Mr. Richards replied "no".

Council member McShane stated that Council had denied a variance request for a ground sign at Craftique Mall.

Council member Mitchell stated that the occupants of the Village Mall have signage in the window of the Mall on Grand River and inquired if there is a directory inside the Village Mall to direct customers to the lower level. Council member Mitchell stated that the Village Mall is a distinctive building and that directions can be given to customers. Mr. Richards stated that walk-ins or drive bys don't know what the Village Mall is and where he is located within the Mall. Council member Mitchell stated that is a difficulty for all tenants of the building and not unique to Mr. Richards.

Council member McShane stated that it appears to be a projecting sign, she is afraid that it would set precedent, and that the requested signage would block the view traveling north on Farmington Road.

Mayor Hartsock stated that he was concerned that other tenants in the lower level would also want to request signage the same as Mr. Richards. Mayor Hartsock stated that he was surprised that the stairway was not being used. Mr. Richards replied that the stairway goes directly into his office. Mayor Hartsock was in favor of the signage if all of the tenants in the lower level could be listed.

Council member Campbell agreed with Mayor Hartsock if the sign could be designed to represent all tenants in the lower level.

Council member McShane commented that she would like to see signage on the building that would note there were businesses in the lower level.

Mr. Richards asked if the sign could be redesigned to reflect the other tenants in the lower level.

Council member McShane stated she would rather see the signage on the building.

Mayor Hartsock stated that he would like to give some direction to the proponent.

Mr. Cornwell, owner of the building, reviewed the history of the entrance and the railing.

Mr. Cornwell stated that there is proper signage at the three openings of the building; that the proposed sign is in good taste, and that it would serve a purpose. He stated that other tenants would not be allowed to put up signage unless approved by building management and Council.

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Council member Campbell stated that the situation is unique, but he is concerned that other businesses may come in later and want to do the same thing.

Discussion followed regarding various types of signs, and suggestions to Mr. Richards on signage that would comply with City signage requirements.

05-00-151 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Mitchell to deny the request for a ground sign at 33335 Grand River in the Central Business District.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: Bush.

MOTION CARRIED.

LETTER FROM JANET S. FISCHER, 34467 ARUNDEL, RE: BLOCK PARTY.

Administration recommended approval of the request for a block party on Arundel.

05-00-152 MOTION by Bush, seconded by Campbell, to authorize the closing of Arundel Street between Gill and Wesley, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2000, for a block party and to authorize the Department of Public Services to provide barricades for the event. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BOARDS AND COMMISSION VACANCIES/APPOINTMENTS.

05-00-153 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Mitchell, to appoint Pamela Lysaght to the Planning Commission for a term expiring June 2003 and to send a letter of appreciation to Lee J. Ratliff for his years of service on the Planning Commission. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

05-00-154 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to appoint Elizabeth McConnell to the Farmington Area Commission on Aging for a term expiring June 15, 2003 and to send a letter of appreciation to Carol Hund for her years of service on the Farmington Area Commission on Aging. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION OF REAPPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

05-00-155 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Mitchell, to reappoint Terri Jean Morency and Mardy Stirling to the Planning Commission for 3-year terms expiring June 2003; Alton Bennett and Mark McConnell to the Board of Zoning Appeals for 3-year

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terms expiring June 15, 2000; Gerald G. Wasen to the Farmington Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees for a 3-year term expiring June 30, 2003; and Evanthia Samra to the Farmington Area Arts Commission for a 3-year term expiring June 30, 2003. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ORDINANCE ADOPTION

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #C-668-2000 FOR ELECTRICAL AND GAS SUPPLY FRANCHISES.

05-00-156 MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to adopt Ordinance #C-668-2000 for Electrical and Gas Supply Franchises. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE].

ROLL CALL

AYES: Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell, Bush.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER

CONSIDERATION TO INTRODUCE ORDINANCES GRANTING ELECTRICAL FRANCHISES. Administration advised that the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) established a process for granting electrical or gas supply franchises and Council adopted Ordinance #C-668-2000 to establish the process, requirements, terms and conditions for the granting of electrical and gas supply franchises in the City of Farmington. The City Charter requires that after introduction of the franchise ordinances they must be available for public inspection, with notice published, at least four weeks before adoption.

05-00-157 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Mitchell, to introduce Ordinance #C-669-2000, DTE Energy Marketing Inc.; #C-670-2000 Engage Energy US, L.P.; and #C-671-2000, Nordic Electric, L.L.C. and direct the City Clerk to publish the Notice of Intent to Award Electrical Supply Franchises. [SEE ATTACHED]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT PAYMENTS.

05-00-158 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Bush, to place delinquent invoices and delinquent water and sewer bills, in the amount of \$61,557.27, on the 2000 City of Farmington Tax Roll. [SEE ATTACHED]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mr. Mike Schweder, 61961-2 Arlington Circle, South Lyon, Michigan, stated that he is trying to divide his property and he has tried to comply with the City's requests, but the property still has not been split and he is afraid that he will lose a pending sale due to the demands of the City.

Manager Lauhoff stated that it has been three months since Mr. Schweder had been contacted and advised of conditions that must be met and that City staff has been working on the issue. Assessor Sailer informed administration that Mr. Schweder had not complied with the City's requests, but that he would recommend that Council consider a lot split at the next Council meeting contingent on Mr. Schweder fulfilling certain obligations. Council cannot, in good faith, approve lot splits that create improper zoning, and locked or unusable parcels, and that sufficient easements are needed to comply with today's laws and regulations.

Mr. Schweder stated that he believes he has complied with all requirements and that he is spending a great amount of money and nothing is happening.

Mayor Hartsock stated that all open items be addressed in order to move ahead.

Nancy Leonard, 33309 Shiawassee, asked if Gill was a road or street and the reply was "road".

Director Goss advised that Richard Friess would be starting as a full time Public Safety officer on May 22, 2000, that he is a graduate of Farmington High School, and a resident of Farmington Hills, and reviewed his qualifications.

COUNCIL COMMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Councilman Campbell stated that he was at the Planning Commission meeting and that Mr. Scott, purchase of Mr. Schweder's property, was present and did not reflect any problems with the property issues presented by Mr. Schweder.

CONSIDERATION TO SET JOINT MEETING DATE WITH THE FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL AND FARMINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION.

05-00-159 MOTION by Bush, seconded by Campbell, to schedule a joint meeting with the Farmington Hills City Council and the Farmington Board of Education on February 13, 2001 at the Farmington Training Center.

Council wished William Liba a "Happy Birthday".

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ADJOURNMENT

05-00-160 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, MAYOR

PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER