

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, May 19, 2003 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 Mitchell.

**PRESENT:** Bush, Harrison, McShane, Mitchell.

**ABSENT:** Campbell.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Pastue.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**05-03-134** MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**05-03-135** MOTION by Harrison, seconded by McShane, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 5, 2003 and the closed session minutes of April 7, 2003 and May 5, 2003. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS**

**05-03-136** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to receive and file the minutes of the following Boards and Commissions:

- Farmington Area Arts Commission minutes of April 16, 2003.
- Commission on Children, Youth and Families minutes of April 3, 2003.
- Civic Theatre Committee minutes of April 30, 2003.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **SIGN VARIANCE – THE BABY STUDIO AT 23616 FARMINGTON ROAD.**

**05-03-137** MOTION by Harrison, seconded by Bush, to table consideration of the sign variance request by Julie Grippo, owner of The Baby Studio, 23616 Farmington Road, in order to provide the opportunity for input from both Ms. Grippo and Council member Campbell who were not present. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**SIGN VARIANCE – MODERN MOVING AT 34200 NINE MILE ROAD.**

Administration advised that Richard Briggs, Jr. of Premiere Sign Solutions Inc. has requested a sign variance on behalf of Modern Moving, 34200 Nine Mile Road. Administration further advised that this variance request would allow a previously installed sign to send messages other than the display of time and temperature as previously approved by Council.

Administration recommended that the application be denied unless Modern Moving is able to demonstrate unique or unusual conditions associated with the sign variance request.

Mr. Chuck Ciaravino, Vice-President of Premier Sign Solutions, Inc., was present to state his case for the sign variance request.

Responding to a question from Council, Mr. Ciaravino stated that the message portion of the sign has a maximum of 26 characters. He acknowledged that he did not know if messages, other than for advertising, would be displayed. He stated that the message does not roll, but flashes on and off.

Responding to a question from Council, Director Gushman confirmed that Council had not previously approved this type of message board, only the display of time and temperature.

Mayor Mitchell expressed his concern that a message board could be distracting to drivers.

Mr. Ciaravino stated his belief that the message board would not cause a traffic problem because of the size and brevity of the message.

Council member Bush also expressed her concern regarding the potential for traffic problems caused by the sign. She stated her belief that this request did not meet the unique circumstances required for variance approval.

Council member Harrison stated he would have liked the individual responsible for the wording on the message board to be present to discuss his intentions for the sign.

Council member McShane stated that the ordinance is clear and she too does not see a unique or unusual circumstance relative to this request and therefore supports denial.

After a motion to deny was made by Council member McShane, Mr. Ciaravino requested postponing a decision until Mr. Rice of Modern Moving could attend to state

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his case. Mayor Mitchell responded that the motion on the floor would need to be acted upon.

**05-03-138** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Harrison, to deny the sign variance request for Modern Moving, 34200 Nine Mile Road. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**RESIGNATION FROM FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION.**

**05-03-139** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Harrison, to accept the resignation of Leslie Zanetti from the Farmington Area Arts Commission effective immediately and send a letter to her in recognition of her service to the City. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

**CERTIFICATION OF 2003 DELINQUENT INVOICES, AND WATER AND SEWER BILLS.**

**05-03-140** MOTION by Harrison, seconded by McShane, to place delinquent invoices and delinquent water and sewer bills, in the amount of \$55,854.09, on the 2003 City of Farmington Tax Roll. [SEE ATTACHMENT].

**ROLL CALL**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BIDS FOR CARPET REPLACEMENT AT PUBLIC SERVICES OFFICE.**

Administration advised that the City solicited proposals for replacement of carpet in the Department of Public Services offices and only one vendor, A. R. Kramer Flooring, responded with a bid. Administration recommended that Council award the work to A. R. Kramer Flooring.

**05-03-141** MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to award the bid for removal and replacement of carpet in the offices of the Public Service Department, to A. R. Kramer Flooring in the amount of \$4,995.00; funds provided in the FY 2002/03 budget.

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**ROLL CALL**

AYES: McShane, Mitchell, Bush, Campbell.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Campbell.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

No public comments were heard.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Council presented a proclamation to David Cattermole in recognition of his volunteer service to Special Olympics and to improving the Community.

Mayor Mitchell noted that David Walsh, 47<sup>th</sup> District Court Administrator, was named Court Administrator of The Year by the State Association.

Council member Harrison mentioned a recent visit to Saline by City Council and staff as part of Mayor Exchange Day and noted that their visit to Farmington is scheduled for May 22, 2003.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**05-03-142** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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JAMES K. MITCHELL, MAYOR

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PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

