

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, September 16, 2002 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, Campbell, Harrison, McShane, Mitchell.

**ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**09-02-828** MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**09-02-829** MOTION by Harrison, seconded by Campbell, to approve the special and regular meetings of September 3, 2002. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS**

**09-02-830** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to receive and file the minutes of the following Boards and Commissions:

- Farmington Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees minutes of August 22, 2002.
- Downtown Development Authority minutes of September 4, 2002.
- Planning Commission minutes of September 9, 2002.
- Farmington Area Commission on Aging minutes of July 23, 2002.
- Commission on the Environment minutes of August 13, 2002.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PRESENTATION: MARIE DONIGAN, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, FARMINGTON HILLS PLANNING OFFICE, RE: FARMINGTON ROAD LANDSCAPE PLAN.**

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Ms. Marie Donigan, Landscape Architect of the Farmington Hills Planning Office, presented a jointly funded landscaping plan for Farmington Road between Eight Mile and Slocum Street, providing detail on the variety and location of plantings.

In response to a question from Council, Ms. Donigan indicated that Steinkopf Nursery's two-year guarantee of plantings would include necessary cultivating and watering.

Responding to another question, Ms. Donigan stated that the State of Michigan provides a list of recommended trees, however, the list is often outdated and unusable.

In response to an additional question, Ms. Donigan stated that ornamental trees would be planted in informal arrangements along Farmington Road.

**QUARTERLY UPDATE: DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JUDY DOWNEY.**

Executive Director Downey provided Council with a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) quarterly update that included: status of the National Main Street Application; success of the temporary move by the Farmer's Market to the Downtown Center; review of the activities of the Downtown Merchant's Association; status of the Community Pavilion project; cost of sidewalk repairs; and replacement of diseased Ash trees in the Downtown area.

Council member Harrison suggested that the DDA consider planning a grand opening for Farmington Road.

As a result of the recent success of the temporary move of the Farmer's Market to the Downtown Center, Mayor Mitchell proposed moving the Market to the Downtown Center for the remainder of the season. City Manager Lauhoff concurred with Mayor Mitchell, stating that such a move would likely mean greater success for the Farmer's Market and the location would be near where the pavilion, future home of the Market, would be constructed. City Manager Lauhoff recommended that Grove Street be closed to accommodate the Market this year rather than using parking space in the Downtown Center.

Council members agreed that the move would benefit both the Market and the Downtown Center businesses.

**09-02-831** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Campbell, to authorize the closing of Grove Street from Grand River to the driveway of the Downtown Center parking lot on Saturdays beginning September 21st thru October 26th, 2002, from 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to accommodate relocation of the Farmer's Market; and to instruct the Public

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Services Department to provide the appropriate barricades. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Director Downey confirmed that a sign would be placed in the former site of the Market indicating their new location.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REQUEST TO CLOSE GROVE STREET FOR ANNUAL HALLOWEEN EVENT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2002.** City Administration advised that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) would like Grove Street closed in order to stage special entertainment for children during the annual DDA Halloween event on Saturday, October 26, 2002. City Administration further advised that the Public Safety Department has reviewed the request and believes with proper barricades this road can be closed.

**09-02-832** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to authorize the closing of Grove Street from Grand River to the driveway of the Downtown Center parking lot from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2002 for the Downtown Development Authority Halloween event; and to instruct the Public Services Department to provide the appropriate barricades. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**LETTER FROM THE DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION OF FARMINGTON, RE: SPECIAL DOWNTOWN ACTIVITIES.** City Administration advised that the Downtown Merchants Association (DMA) has requested permission to conduct special activities in the Downtown District. City Administration further advised that these activities would be both supported and sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority.

**09-02-833** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to approve the following request by the Downtown Merchants Association: the use of Memorial Park on Saturday, October 12 and 19, 2002 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. for special Halloween activities; to conduct a scarecrow contest from October 3 through October 26, 2002; and to permit sidewalk merchandise displays on the first Friday of each month until 8:00 p.m. through the end of calendar year 2002. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**LETTER FROM MS. MAGGIE CLEWLEY REPRESENTING THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON REGARDING REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY BANNER.** City Administration advised that the First United Methodist Church of Farmington has requested permission to erect a 3' x 8' banner in the front yard area of the Church in order to publicize an Open House and Church Rededication.

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City Administration further advised that temporary banners of this type in the Central Business District would require a sign variance approval by Council.

**09-02-834** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Harrison, to grant permission to the First United Methodist Church of Farmington to erect a 3' x 8' banner in the front yard area, September 17-29, 2002, to publicize an Open House and Church Rededication; and to grant a variance to Section 25-13, Subsection 11, allowing this banner in the Central Business District. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

**SMART AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF MUNICIPAL AND COMMUNITY CREDITS.** Administration advised that annually the City enters into an agreement with the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) to receive municipal and community credits for local transportation.

**09-02-835** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Harrison, to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) to receive municipal credits in the amount of \$9,795 for FY 2002-2003; to provide funding for the senior and handicapped transportation system operated through the City of Farmington Hills; and to receive community credit funds of \$12,244 to be transferred to the City of Farmington Hills transportation program for expanded community transportation services. [SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT].

**ROLL CALL**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE NO. 4 FOR 2002 PAVING PROGRAM.** Administration advised that the Public Services Department and City Engineer have approved payment for work completed on the 2002 Paving Program.

**09-02-836** MOTION by Harrison, seconded by McShane, to approve payment to Summit Transport, Inc. of Brighton in the amount of \$28,044.94 for Construction Estimate No. 4 of the 2002 Paving Program; funds provided in the FY 2002-03 budget.

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**ROLL CALL**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ORDINANCE ADOPTION**

Council member Campbell expressed appreciation to the Planning Commission for their efforts, cited the quality of the revised Zoning Code and gave recognition to the late City Attorney Donohue who contributed so much to its development.

**09-02-837** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to adopt Ordinance No. C-691-2002 revising the City of Farmington Zoning Code. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE].

**ROLL CALL**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Carleigh Flaharty, Chairperson of the Environmental Awards Committee, provided an update on the awards process and requested from each Council member nomination of an individual, couple, group or organization who have made a positive impact on the community. She also announced that the awards ceremony would be held on Thursday, October 10, 2002, 5:00-7:00 p.m., at the Warner Mansion

**COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Council member McShane announced that the Call To Action Coalition "Kickoff Breakfast" is planned for Tuesday, October 1, 2002 at 7:15 a.m. at Vladimir's, followed by a community strategic planning session from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. She requested that City Manager Lauhoff recommend three employees from City Hall, representing the Government sector, to participate.

Council member Campbell informed Council about a web-based program developed by Northern Michigan University that provides information on roads, road conditions, signs,

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etc. in the State of Michigan. He recommended that the City's engineering firm review this program.

**CONSIDERATION TO SET HOLIDAY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE.**

**09-02-838** MOTION by Bush, seconded by Harrison, to cancel the second regular meeting in December, originally scheduled for December 16, 2002 at 8:00 p.m., due to scheduling conflicts during the holiday season. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**09-02-839** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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JAMES K. MITCHELL, MAYOR

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PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER