

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2010

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, April 19, 2010, 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 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Buck.

**PRESENT:** Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright.

**ABSENT:** None.

**CITY ADMINISTRATION:** Director Gushman, City Clerk Halberstadt, City Manager Pastue, Interim Director Schulz, Treasurer Weber.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**04-10-060** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Wright, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- A. Special meeting minutes of February 24, 2010
- B. Special meeting minutes of March 1, 2010
- C. Special meeting minutes of March 3, 2010
- D. Regular meeting minutes of March 15, 2010
- E. Special meeting minutes of April 5, 2010
- F. Approve Farmington Monthly Payments Report, February 2010
- G. Approve Farmington Monthly Payments Report, March 2010
- H. Approve Farmington Monthly Public Safety Report, March 2010
- I. Approve Building Department 3rd Quarter Report - January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**04-10-061** MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Knol, to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**MISS FARMINGTON - GINNY MORRIS**

Ginny Morris noted it has been five years since she last addressed the Council. She announced Farmington Idol is back this year. It will be held at Zap Zone with all proceeds going to the Downtown Development Authority. She noted

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Councilmember McShane will be one of the judges along with Mayor Buck as an essay judge.

With Donna Tupper at her side, Morris announced the Spirit of Miss Farmington Award will now be named "Dick Tupper Goodfellow Spirit Award". She indicated Sellers Dealership would once again sponsor the pageant. The pageant will be held at the Civic Theatre on July 14th.

Knol announced Ms. Morris recently won the gold award from the Farmington Hills Senior Division in recognition of her many contributions to the community. On behalf of City Council, McShane presented Ms. Morris with a bouquet of flowers. She spoke about how much Ms. Morris means to the City of Farmington.

**PETITION – SOUTH FARMINGTON BASEBALL LEAGUE PARADE**

**04-10-062** MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Wright, to approve a request from the South Farmington Baseball League to hold their annual opening day parade on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., beginning at City Hall and proceeding to Shiawassee Park for the opening ceremonies. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST - RUN FOR THE HILLS**

**04-10-063** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Knol, to approve a Special Event Request to hold a fundraising event, "Run for the Hills" road race, at Shiawassee Park on Saturday, August 21, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; proceeds will be donated to the Special Olympics of Oakland County. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC SAFETY TIP OF THE MONTH**

Interim Director Schulz, representing the Emergency Preparedness Commission, emphasized the need for knowledge, understanding and preparedness for chemical and biological hazard events.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE C-746-2010 TO AMEND CHAPTER 35 OF THE CITY CODE, ZONING**

City Manager Pastue explained the essence of the revised ordinance is to provide additional flexibility in land use and encourage mixed use development by utilizing the planned use development process; there are numerous technical corrections and clarifications throughout the chapter; revisions to the site plan requirements to reduce unnecessary and costly plan documents for modest changes that need to come before the Planning Commission; and includes a number of amendments that pertain to adult regulated businesses.

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Pastue advised LSL Consultants has recommended an additional change to the ordinance relative to Article 17 dealing with non-conforming lots. He asked Council include this change as part of the adopted ordinance.

**04-10-064** MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to adopt Ordinance C-746-2010 to amend and restate Chapter 35 of the City Code, Zoning, of the City of Farmington City Code, and to incorporate a change requested by City Administration dealing with Section 35-205 related to non-conforming lots, as presented in the staff report. **[SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE]**.

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright, Buck.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN OAKLAND COUNTY TRI-PARTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**RESOLUTION 04-10-065** MOTION by Wright, seconded by McShane, to approve continued participation in the Oakland County 2010 Tri-Party Road Improvement Program.

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: McShane, Wiggins, Wright, Buck, Knol.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO RATIFY OAKLAND COUNTY TRI-PARTY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENTS TO DRAWDOWN REMAINING FUNDS**

Pastue advised this is the last year for the Tri-Party Road Improvement Program, a program that has been in existence since 1980. He noted the County Board of Commissioners, the Road Commission and the City of Farmington provide equal funding for eligible Oakland County Road projects.

Pastue stated currently there are three projects totaling \$39,000 that include: SCAT signal at Grand River and Farmington; low level signal installed last year at Farmington and Freedom Road; and the Farmington streetscape pedestrian crosswalk. He requested Council ratify the agreements for these projects.

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**RESOLUTION 04-10-066** MOTION by Wright, supported by Wiggins, to ratify three agreements involving the Oakland County Tri-Party Road Improvement Program to drawdown remaining funds and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreements. [SEE ATTACHED THREE AGREEMENTS].

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Wiggins, Wright, Buck, Knol, McShane.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) REQUEST TO SCHEDULE 2010 SIDEWALK SHOPPING DATES**

**04-10-067** MOTION by Knol, supported by Wright, to approve a DDA request to establish the following dates for 2010 Sidewalk Shopping: Saturdays, May 8 through November 21 (Farmer's Market); Saturday and Sunday, June 5-6 (Art on the Grand); and Thursday through Saturday, July 15-17 (Founder's Festival).  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

Pastue advised a letter was received from Printwell Inc. requesting Council consider establishing an Industrial Development District for the industrial property located at 33106 Eight Mile Road.

Discussion followed concerning the pros and cons of establishing an Industrial Development District.

Buck noted the number of jobs it could potentially bring into the community.

Knol asked if Printwell Inc. could provide information to Council regarding their company.

McShane suggested that since the City is investing in them that it would be important to hear what they can do for us.

**RESOLUTION 04-10-068** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to schedule a public hearing for Monday, May 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to consider establishing an Industrial Development District and authorize the City Clerk to publish notice of the hearing. [SEE ATTACHED NOTICE]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**CITY MANAGER TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2010-11  
PROPOSED BUDGET**

Pastue presented a proposed Fiscal Year 2010/2011 Budget. He thanked Treasurer Weber and his staff for their efforts in putting the budget together.

Pastue announced the next Community Forum regarding the budget will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Maxfield Training Center.

Knol expressed the importance of publicizing this forum well in advance to ensure a good turnout.

McShane suggested using a number of visual aids at the forum to demonstrate the key expense areas of the budget.

McShane recommended residents submit questions in advance to the City Manager that can be addressed at the forum.

**04-10-069** MOTION by Wright, seconded by Wiggins, to accept receipt of the City Manager's Proposed Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steven Schwartz, Oakland County Commissioner, explained the County received \$100,000 from the EPA to study potential Brownfield sites. He offered to work with the City on an application for the proposed Industrial Development District. He also discussed the sale of the Maxfield Training Center, suggesting the best use would be senior housing because of its proximity to the Downtown area.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

McShane suggested making the goals agreed upon by the Council at an earlier study session available to the public and boards and commissions.

Pastue stated he hoped to have them ready and available at the May 3rd study session.

McShane advised the set of goals should be adopted and then placed on the City's website and shown on the local cable channel.

Responding to a question from McShane, Interim Director Schulz advised establishments would police themselves in response to the May 1<sup>st</sup> smoking ban.

McShane noted the theft of deep purple pansies from the back of her property in the downtown.

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Wright commented on the lack of clarity on the no smoking ban. He invited public input on the budget and potential millage increase. He advised he would not support a millage increase unless there is an agreement with the local bargaining units on proposed employee concessions.

Knol commented there needs to be further clarity on the smoking ban relative to sidewalk areas in front of businesses.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**04-10-070** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Wright, to adjourn the meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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J. T. (Tom) Buck, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: May 17, 2010