

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 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 a.m. by Mayor McShane.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Buck, McShane, Sutherland, Wiggins.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Knol.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Pastue, Attorney Schultz.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) MEMBERS AND STAFF

PRESENT: L. Batzloff, D. Beamer, D. Cassidy, F. Clappison, S. Freeman, C. Grace, D. Vargovick, M. Ziegler and Director Knowles.

PARKING PLAN

The Council and DDA Board Members focused their discussion on a number of issues related to parking in the Downtown area including: the need to develop a financing plan for a parking structure, short term solutions to the north parking lot including signage and additional parking spaces, and concerns regarding employee parking in the north lot. Discussion continued regarding recommendations including polling business owners for their ideas on solutions to the parking problems.

LAND ACQUISITION

Discussion on land acquisition centered on identifying and acquiring properties for re-development; and possible financing sources including public-private partnerships and use of proceeds from sale of old courthouse as a "revolving fund." Discussion continued regarding the development of a long term plan that could include acquisition of smaller properties through land banking. Director Knowles stressed that any land acquisition should be viewed as a long term process and in alignment with an overall plan.

RILEY PARK

Discussion concerning Riley Park included the DDA assuming responsibility for planning and programming for the Pavilion, development of park regulations by Council and the need for a calendar of events to facilitate scheduling.

Mayor McShane requested that the DDA Board report to Council on a quarterly basis.

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Discussion continued regarding the status of a \$25,000 donation from the Dinan family. Mayor McShane advised of plans for meeting with the Dinan family to discuss use of the donation.

MISCELLANEOUS

The DDA Board and Council discussed a number of other items including: Council goals, business development and recruitment, and a DDA sponsored market study which will look at community expectations in relation to concerns and expectations of businesses looking to locate in the City.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hank Borgman, 34011 Grand River, expressed concern regarding City funded incentives for business promotion, proposed islands and bump-outs on Grand River, and requested an update on the Grand River project at the next Council meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Mayor McShane emphasized the importance of communication and requested that the DDA Board keep Council up-to-date. She advised the DDA Board to consider the cost for on-going maintenance of new projects. She requested that the DDA use cable to provide information concerning the Downtown.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

JoAnne M. McShane, Mayor

Patsy K. Cantrell, City Clerk/Treasurer

Susan K. Halberstadt, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: January 17, 2006