

## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, March 6, 2000, 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 Hartsock.

**PRESENT:** Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

**ABSENT:** None.

**CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Attorney Donohue, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**03-00-079** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Bush, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**03-00-080** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to approve the minutes of the Special and Regular meetings of February 21, 2000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS**

**03-00-081** 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 Regular meeting minutes of February 16, 2000.
- Commission on Children, Youth and Families minutes of February 3, 2000.
- Farmington area Commission on Aging minutes of January 25, 2000.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY QUARTERLY UPDATE.**

Director Downey was present to provide an update on the Downtown Development Authority activities and projects. Director Downey reported on grant funding for the proposed Downtown Center Project. The project will be the last project on the 10 year

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long range plan. Director Downey stated that Farmington would need to have a 50/50 match to receive grant funding for the project under the Transportation Enhancement Program. The DDA Director stated that there are 10 businesses in the City that are signing up to use the E-commerce Marketing Program and Farmington will be the first DDA in the State of Michigan to use this program. The DDA will be changing the Holiday Promotion by giving 80 merchants dollars \$100 gift certificates to give to customers on the first Saturday in December. Director Downey informed Council that new plantings are being considered for the Masonic Temple Plaza.

**RECOGNITION: ELEANOR PETERSON FOR 36 YEARS AS ELECTION WORKER.**

Mayor Hartsock presented a proclamation to retired election worker, Eleanor Peterson, for 36 years of service. Members of Mrs. Peterson's family, friends and co-workers were present to share in honoring her.

**PRESENTATION: 1999 RRRASOC ANNUAL REPORT, MICHAEL CSAPO, GENERAL MANAGER.**

Mr. Csapo was present, provided a handout of graphs noting statistics on activities at the facility, and commented on an article in the Detroit Free Press on March 2, 2000 regarding recycling. Mr. Csapo reported that Farmington is doing remarkably well and has a diversion rate of 35%, which is outstanding. General Manager Csapo reviewed the 1999 Annual Report, their gardening project to educate young people, composting, the successful 5th anniversary of the groundbreaking for the MRF facility and residential information packets about recycling. Mr. Csapo commented on the Eight Mile Boulevard Association's "Clean Team."

Discussion followed regarding types of materials that are recycled into furniture, and picnic tables; disappointment in the Detroit Free Press article regarding the lack of participation in recycling in that it did not comment on the success of the City of Farmington in their recycling program; and full landfills as a result of waste being brought in from other areas.

Mayor Hartsock thanked Mr. Csapo for the presentation.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS**

**03-00-082** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to appoint Leslie Zanetti to the Farmington Area Arts Commission to a term expiring June 30, 2003. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Council concurred to delay making an appointment to the Governor Warner Mansion Committee at this time.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**REQUEST FROM MR. ROGER RATKOWSKI RE: CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY IN THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AND SPECIAL EVENT FOR MISS FARMINGTON-OAKLAND SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT.** Mr. Ratkowski, owner of The Pasta Stop, was present and requested permission to sponsor and conduct a weekly classic car cruise and display in cooperation with Dennis Page of Page's Food and Spirits; a 50's style sidewalk sale for the downtown merchants; and that the Downtown Farmington Business Association hold a special event in the parking lot in support of the Miss Farmington-Oakland Scholarship Pageant.

**03-00-083** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Bush, to approve the closure of the municipal parking lot north of State Street on Mondays from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., June through September for a classic car display sponsored and managed by the Pasta Stop and Page's Food and Spirits; stipulate that State Street between Farmington Road and the easterly driveway of the Public Library may be closed to allow for additional display if necessary; allow for outdoor patio seating at the rear of the Pasta Stop; allow use of a disc jockey for announcements and music; allow the Public Services Department to assist with barricades as needed; and to grant permission for a special event, as detailed in the request, to be held in conjunction with Miss Farmington-Oakland Scholarship Pageant on Wednesday, June 21, 2000 from 5:00 - 11:00 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

**CONSIDERATION OF ASPHALT CONTRACT AWARD FOR 2000 PAVING PROGRAM.** Administration advised that bid documents were prepared by City engineers, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, Inc. for resurfacing of Marblehead, Colchester, Broadview, Folkstone, Beacon, Adams, Grace Streets and Cass Street between Shiawassee and Grand River.

**03-00-084** MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to award the 2000 Road Paving Program to the low bidder, Iafrate Construction Company, in the amount of \$363,124.55; funds to be provided from the Municipal Street Fund and Local Street Fund for fiscal year 1999-2000.

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**ROLL CALL**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION FUNDING PHASE I AND PHASE II  
RENOVATIONS OF THE CIVIC THEATRE.**

Administration advised that Phase I and Phase II renovations of the Farmington Civic Theatre have been completed. Administration recommended that Council approve a loan from the City's Capital Improvement Fund to the Farmington Community Theatre Fund to cover costs not financed by bonded debt with a repayment schedule over a ten year period beginning in 2008.

**03-00-085** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to adopt a resolution to approve a loan from the City's Capital Improvement Fund to the Farmington Community Theatre Fund in an amount not to exceed \$445,000 to fund Phase I and Phase II renovations of the Civic Theatre. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

**ROLL CALL**

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR ADMINISTERING  
FEDERAL FUNDS.**

Administration advised that the federal requirement under 24 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations), Part 85.36 (b) (3) for Community Development Block Grant expenditures states that grant recipients must maintain a written code of standards of conduct governing the performance of public officers and employees in administering contracts that include federal funds.

**03-00-086** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the Standards of Conduct for City officers and employees engaged in the award and administration of contracts involving federal funds. [SEE ATTACHED]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: RE: HR 2372.**

City Attorney Donohue updated Council on HR 2372 which allows a developer to go directly to federal court against a municipality for zoning claims and upon winning the case the developer would be able to obtain attorney fees. Mr. Donohue stated that it is not a good bill for municipalities since it takes it out of state courts and into the hands of the federal court.

Discussion followed regarding rights of municipalities in these types of claims. Administration advised that Representative Knollenberg is a co-sponsor of the bill.

**PRESENTATION: JAMES STARK, PRESIDENT, FARMINGTON AREA FOUNDERS FESTIVAL, INC., RE: FARMINGTON AREA FAMILY FEST.** Mr. Stark was present to answer Council questions regarding the Farmington Area Family Fest and reviewed changes that have been made to make the event a success: name change of the event, date change, managed by Watts Up Inc., and placement of smaller tents to be used in place of one large tent.

Discussion followed regarding fundraising for the festival and the use of Shiawassee Park. Mr. Stark informed Council that there will be a Town Meeting at the Farmington Training Center on March 22, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. for all interested parties regarding the festival and he thanked Council for their support.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Annabelle Gabel, 23089 Violet, commented on the new managers for the festival, stating that "the ice sculptures are unique for Plymouth, and that hopefully these new managers through their knowledge and expertise will add a special flair in Farmington."

**COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

There were no Council comments.

**CONSIDERATION TO AMEND MEETING SCHEDULE WITH CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OFFICIALS.**

**03-00-087** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Bush, to amend the meeting dates with City Boards, Commissions and Officials. [SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL OPERATIONS REPORT DECEMBER 1999.**

Director Goss presented the 1999 Operations Report noting statistical data pertaining to police and fire services delivered to the community.

**03-00-088** MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to receive and file the Public Safety Department Annual Operations Report for December, 1999. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENTS REPORT**

**03-00-089** MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the Monthly Payments Report for February, 2000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**03-00-090** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, MAYOR

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PATSY K. CANTELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER