

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, August 21, 2006, at the Sundquist Pavilion in the Downtown Center. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Knol.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: Director Gushman, City Clerk Halberstadt, City Manager Pastue.

**DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY (DDA)**

REPRESENTATIVES: Executive Director Annette Knowles, Board Member Steve Schneemann.

**DDA DESIGN AND FARMERS
MARKET COMMITTEES**

REPRESENTATIVES: Mary Martin, Dave Gronbach, Walt Gajewski, Scott Stevenson, Steve Henri.

PROPOSED PAVILION WORK

City Manager Pastue discussed the success of the Downtown Center Project and noted contingency funds available for additional improvements to the pavilion and park.

ELECTRICAL/AUDIO

Pastue identified electrical improvements needed at the pavilion including: interior lighting, exterior building lighting and goose-neck lighting for the pavilion sign. He estimated the materials and labor cost to complete these improvements at \$10,000. He requested Council approval to move forward in making these improvements.

Pastue cited several previous activities at the pavilion where an audio system was needed. He estimated the cost to provide a system at \$2,000.

Discussion followed regarding lighting specifications including function and style. Director Gushman commented lighting was chosen based on function rather than aesthetics. He noted the high cost for exterior sconces.

EXTERIOR PAINTING RECOMMENDED BY GRISSIM AND DESIGN COMMITTEE

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Discussion was held regarding the architect's recommended changes to the pavilion exterior including painting the white detail areas a shade of green. Discussion continued regarding the color scheme of the pavilion and sign.

Mayor McShane and Councilmember Knol requested a rendering of the proposed color scheme along with 1-2 options before any changes are made.

ENCLOSURES OVER RESTROOMS AND MECHANICAL ROOM FOR ADDITIONAL STORAGE

Pastue discussed the need for additional storage at the pavilion and a proposal to enclose the space over the restrooms and mechanical room. He estimated the cost for both between \$5500 – \$7500.

Pastue described the materials that would be used to create the storage spaces and how those spaces would function in terms of access and storage.

Mayor McShane asked about the direction of the pavilion in terms of its use as a Farmer's Market, entertainment center, etc.

Discussion followed regarding the original concept of the pavilion and how it has evolved into a multipurpose structure.

Knol stated revitalization of the City needs to continue with ongoing activities at the pavilion including weekday as well as weekend events.

Pastue noted the great success of the Farmers Market and Friday night concerts.

WINTER EVENT ENCLOSURE FOR PAVILION

Discussion was held regarding enclosing the pavilion for winter activities. Discussion included the type of temporary enclosure needed for winter events that would at the same time provide minimal blockage of stores south of the pavilion.

Knol recognized that blocking the stores would be a concern, but noted that enclosures would only be used on a temporary basis for winter events and those events would bring in many more customers than might be lost because of the blockage.

Discussion followed regarding other venues for the artists, vendors and events. It was agreed events should be centered at the pavilion and park.

Discussion continued regarding the kinds of winter events, vendors, artists, that could be planned based on whether or not the pavilion is enclosed.

Everyone agreed that it is important to continue activities throughout the winter months to maintain interest and activity in the Downtown Center and at the pavilion.

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CONSIDER ICE RINK IN PARK AREA

Steve Schneemann, DDA Board member, stated the DDA is looking into installing an ice rink in Riley Park which would mean an additional use of the pavilion over a couple of months. He noted there would be a number of activities needed to support the ice rink including skate rentals, refreshment sales, etc.

Pastue noted the positive impact the summer events have had on local businesses contrasted by the total lack of activity during the months of January, February and March.

Schneemann stated the ice rink would provide an opportunity to write a program that would definitively outline the needs and uses of the pavilion providing a basis for the complete and holistic design of the pavilion.

Councilmember Buck asked about the timeframe for an ice rink.

Pastue suggested the City consider renting a rink for the first year to determine if it would be successful. He stated the rink would probably not happen this year.

Walt Gajewski recommended preparing for "Holly Days" the same as last year given the uncertainty of installing temporary enclosures in time.

Councilmember Knol encouraged City administration to move forward in obtaining costs for the temporary enclosures.

Steve Henri suggested holding off on the storage space enclosures and making the temporary enclosures a priority.

Mayor McShane recommended taking the ideas that have been expressed back to the Design Committee to facilitate creating a plan for the pavilion.

ADJOURNMENT

Council concurred to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

JoAnne M. McShane, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: September 18, 2006