

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, December 5, 2005 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 8:04 p.m. by Mayor McShane.

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

ABSENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Gushman, Deputy Clerk Halberstadt, Director Nebus, City Manager Pastue, Assistant City Manager Richards.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

12-05-265 MOTION by Sutherland, seconded by Buck, to amend the agenda, adding item 8C, Discuss Special Meeting Date to Review City Finances and Capital Projects. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

12-05-266 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Knol, to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 21, 2005 as amended, changing the name to Wiggins as the Councilmember who seconded Motion No. 11-05-262. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FARMINGTON EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM ANNUAL EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION

Administration advised that the Retirement System Board of Trustees received an actuarial valuation report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2005; and certified the contribution to the Retirement System for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

12-05-267 MOTION by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to receive and file the Farmington Employee's Retirement System Board of Trustees' certification of the required annual contribution to the Farmington Employees' Retirement System for the 2006-07 fiscal year to be \$421,113. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor McShane asked regarding the losses experienced by the Retirement System over the last few years and how the Retirement Board is addressing them.

Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell responded that the Board has consistently addressed losses, but noted that those losses were in line with the market across the board. She advised that it has been determined by the Board that the System has done as well or better than other Pension Systems in the State. She noted that the Board has adopted a "smoothing

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approach” whereby gains or losses are smoothed over a four-year period and as a result the System is still continuing to pick up losses from the early 2000 years. She advised that this method avoids huge fluctuations in the employer contribution rate. She noted that entering 2000 the System was significantly overfunded. She stated that the System is still funded at just over 100%. She advised that the 13-14% employer contribution rate is that rate normally expected to fund the System.

Councilmember Knol asked whether the ratio of active versus retiree is forecasted out ten years and how much the City would contribute versus benefit payments. Cantrell responded that forecasted ratios are folded into the assumptions and if the System is funded correctly they should not be a significant factor.

CONSIDERATION OF REAPPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF CANVASSERS

12-05-268 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Sutherland, to reappoint Eleanor Peterson and Margaret Yagerlener to four-year terms on the Board of Canvassers, expiring December 31, 2009. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH WOODLAND TRIO

Administration advised that members of the community have planned a fundraising event at the Governor Warner Museum. Administration further advised that the event, a *Classical Brunch at the Governor Warner Museum*, would be held on Saturday, June 3, 2006. Administration advised that the event committee is seeking to contract with the Woodland Trio, a group affiliated with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, to provide the entertainment at a cost of \$1200.

Mayor McShane advised that the event would be privately funded.

Councilmember Buck confirmed with Administration that the \$1200 is seed money that would be recovered through ticket sales and sponsorships.

Mayor McShane stated that the Woodland Trio would be playing in the gazebo from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. on June 3, 2006. She noted that there is a proposal for two additional events on July 23rd and September 10th with the same format of classical music with a brunch.

RESOLUTION 12-05-269 Motion by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to approve a Musical Performance Contract with Woodland Trio to perform at the Governor Warner Mansion on June 3, 2006 and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. **[SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT].**

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Sutherland, Wiggins, Buck.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE #5 FOR DOWNTOWN CENTER IMPROVEMENT

Administration advised that Director Gushman and the City's consulting engineers have reviewed the pay request for construction estimate #5 for the Downtown Center Improvements Project and recommended its approval.

RESOLUTION 12-05-270 Motion by Sutherland, seconded by Buck, to approve payment of construction estimate no. 5 in the amount of \$278,236.71 to ABC Paving Company for work completed on the Downtown Center Improvement Project.

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISCELLANEOUS

APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENTS REPORT

12-05-271 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Sutherland, to approve the monthly payments report for November 2005. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MONTHLY PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

Director Nebus noted that serious crime is down significantly.

Councilmember Wiggins asked if neighboring communities were also experiencing a decrease in serious crime, especially given their higher numbers at mid-year.

Nebus responded that he did not have recent statistics on neighboring communities, but confirmed their earlier higher numbers.

Councilmember Sutherland expressed appreciation for the City's proactive stance on addressing the Avian Flu and providing information to the public.

12-05-272 MOTION by Buck, seconded by Sutherland, to receive and file the Public Safety Report for November 2005. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSS SPECIAL MEETING DATE TO REVIEW CITY FINANCES AND CAPITAL PROJECTS

Council scheduled a special meeting on January 3, 2006 at 4:45 p.m. to review City finances and capital projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

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COUNCIL COMMENT

No Council comment was heard.

ADJOURNMENT

12-05-273 MOTION by Sutherland, seconded by Knol, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

JoAnne M. McShane, Mayor

Patsy K. Cantrell, City Clerk/Treasurer

Susan K. Halberstadt, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: December 19, 2005