

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, May 21, 2007, 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 6:30 p.m. by Mayor McShane.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Buck, Knol (arrived at 6:35 p.m.), McShane, Wiggins, Wright (arrived at 6:35 p.m.).

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES: City Manager Pastue, City Clerk Halberstadt, Treasurer Weber.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

05-07-091 MOTION by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REVIEW OF 2007/08 BUDGET

City Manager Pastue continued a review of the proposed FY 2007/08 budget focusing on the general fund account.

Discussion followed regarding the purchase of a fire truck and options available.

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES REPORT

Present: Judge Marla Parker and Todd Lipa (both arrived at 7:25 p.m.)

Judge Parker reviewed achievements of the Commission including: co-sponsorship of the job loss conference; participation at the Heritage Festival; produced eight shows on cable; addressed the issue of marketing to children; provide after school programs; and development of an early childhood taskforce.

Judge Parker discussed the annual volunteer recognition program and nomination process. She commented volunteers are honored at a Farmington Hills Council meeting because their meetings are televised. She noted the winner of the George Romney award also appears before the Farmington Council.

Todd Lipa noted the difficulty of arranging for the volunteer winners to appear before both Councils. He recognized the value of televising the award program on cable.

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Mayor McShane recommended interviewing the recipient of the George Romney award on the "Mayor's Corner" cable show.

Councilmember Knol stated it would be a good idea to have the Councils together in recognizing volunteer winners. She suggested the Farmington Council join the Farmington Hills Council prior to their meeting for a recognition ceremony. City Manager Pastue suggested canceling the early meeting on that day to allow enough time for the ceremony.

Lipa noted the ceremony is usually held on the third Monday in April of each year.

Mayor McShane asked about differences or concerns the Commission has experienced over the last three years.

Judge Parker identified the issue of marketing to children as an ongoing problem. She stated there are parents who are still not monitoring what their children watch.

Discussion followed regarding the importance of addressing the 0-5 age group when an important part of brain development occurs.

Judge Parker stated the Commission is constantly looking at new ideas and further refining its role. She stated the Commission is always open to addressing issues brought forth by Council.

Discussion followed regarding policy procedures, past issues the Commission has addressed and possible Commission openings.

Mayor McShane expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Commission. She stated it is one of the most dynamic Commissions in Southeast Michigan.

Lipa noted the amount of dollars spent on scholarships has greatly increased due in part to increasing job loss. He discussed the upcoming job loss seminar.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was heard.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

COUNCIL COMMENT

No Council comment was heard.

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ADJOURNMENT

05-07-092 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wright, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

JoAnne M. McShane, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: June 18, 2007