

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, November 15, 2004 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 Campbell.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Knol, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

11-04-263 MOTION by Knol, seconded by McShane, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

11-04-264 MOTION by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the special and regular meeting minutes of November 1, 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECOGNITION

BEV PAPAI, FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY DIRECTOR – 30-YEAR CAREER

Council presented a proclamation to Beverly Papai in recognition of her outstanding service to the Farmington Community as Library Director of the Farmington Community Library since June of 1973.

Director Papai thanked Council for the recognition as well as the integrity and cooperation shown by Council throughout the years.

MARY YURK – 40TH YEAR AS ELECTION INSPECTOR

Council presented a proclamation to Mary Yurk in recognition of her exceptional service to the City of Farmington as an Election Inspector for forty years.

Mrs. Yurk thanked Council for the recognition and expressed her hope that she would continue to serve as an election inspector for a few more years.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

**SIGN VARIANCE REQUEST – SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, 33424
OAKLAND AVENUE**

Administration advised that a sign variance request was received from Salem United Church of Christ to hang a banner over the front entrance of the Church through the month of December.

Lowell Schrupp, representing the Church, spoke about the purpose for the banner.

RESOLUTION 11-04-265 Motion by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to approve a sign variance request from the Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Avenue, to display a 5' x 12' banner over the front entrance of the Church, through the month of December 2004. 4 AYES, 1 ABSTENTION (BUSH), MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TWO FLEET VEHICLES FOR PUBLIC SERVICES
DEPARTMENT**

Administration advised that the Public Services Department vehicle replacement schedule includes allocations for the purchase of two vehicles in the FY 2004-05 budget. Administration further advised that the purchase would be made through Oakland County's Cooperative Purchasing Program.

RESOLUTION 11-04-266 Motion by McShane, seconded by Bush, to approve the purchase of two Public Service Department vehicles from Red Holman GMC of Westland, an authorized dealer of the Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Program: a 2005 GMC, four-wheel drive, heavy-duty extended cab pickup truck in the amount of \$28,749 and a 2005 GMC chassis, high cube van, including specialized additional equipment, in the amount of \$29,790, for a total cost of \$58,539; funds provided in the FY2004-05 budget.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Campbell, Knol, McShane, Mitchell, Bush.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**REQUEST WAIVER OF SEALED BID PROCESS, PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING
GAS-FIRED BOILER VALUE OPERATOR REPLACEMENTS**

Administration advised that the gas-fired boiler in the Public Works building requires repair and the quote received by W.T. Heaney Company, the company that has maintained the unit for a number of years, exceeds the \$4,000 limit in the Purchasing Ordinance, requiring sealed bids. Administration recommended that Council waive the bid process and authorize the work be completed by W.T. Heaney Company given that it would be

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unlikely that another qualified contractor would be able to perform the work in an efficient and timely manner.

Responding to a question, Director Gushman stated that the value operators requiring repair are approximately 30 years old and have experienced problems over the last five years.

RESOLUTION 11-04-267 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to approve waiver of the sealed bid process for the replacement of the gas-fired boiler value operators in Public Services Building and authorize the work be completed by W.T. Heaney Company of Southfield in the amount of \$6,950.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Mitchell, Bush, Campbell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember McShane congratulated State Representative Vagnozzi, who was present, on his re-election to the House of Representatives.

McShane proposed meeting with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board at their next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of meeting with Board at their regular time.

At Council's suggestion, City Manager Pastue stated he would follow-up with the DDA Board to set a meeting date and time.

Councilmember Bush noted that the wife of Mayor McDonald of Wixom passed away.

Knol noted that Farmington Hills recently updated its website and suggested that it might be economically beneficial to use their vendor to update the City's as well.

Mayor Campbell thanked State Representative Vagnozzi for attending the meeting.

Mayor Campbell noted a resolution passed by the Michigan Municipal Finance Officers Association recognizing the many contributions made by Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell to the Association and conferring on her an Honorary Life Membership. He further noted a letter received from Governor Granholm requesting Cantrell's participation in a special

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committee, the Michigan Committee on Governmental Accounting and Auditing.

Cantrell stated that the recognitions attest to the commitment and support of the professional development of staff from Council and Administration.

Mayor Campbell noted a letter received from Tracy Thompson indicating that she does not wish to be reappointed to the Cable Access Commission.

SCHOOL ELECTIONS

Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell referred to a document provided to Council concerning the process for determining how school elections would be conducted. She recommended that Farmington conduct school elections as a service to the community even though it has an option to decline to do so. She stated that cost should be a major consideration in determining a school election date.

Knol expressed her support for the November date for school elections in light of the substantial costs to do otherwise. She further noted that an election for a library millage should be held in November as well. Mitchell also expressed support for a November school and library millage election date, noting that it would be fiscally responsible. McShane stated that the City can not afford a May election.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY

11-04-268 MOTION by Bush, seconded by Knol, to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing a confidential communication with the City Attorney.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: McShane, Mitchell, Bush, Campbell, Knol.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council entered into closed session at 8:34 p.m., returning to open session at 9:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

11-04-269 MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

ARNOLD T. CAMPBELL, Mayor

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer