

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, October 4, 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: Director Gushman, Deputy Clerk Halberstadt, City Manager Pastue, Assistant City Manager Richards, Attorney Schultz, Interim Director Wiggins.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**10-04-220** MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**10-04-221** MOTION by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the special and regular meeting minutes of September 20, 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**2004 COMMUNITY AWARDS**

In recognition of their service to the community, Mayor Campbell presented Community Awards to Betty Boyd, resident of Farmington and volunteer at the Warner Museum, Domenic Belcastro, owner of Luigi's Restaurant, and the Farmington Area Founders Festival Board of Directors.

**"HISTORIC CEMETERY WALK" – BRIAN GOLDEN**

Brian Golden discussed the plans for a "Historic Cemetery Walk" scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the Farmington Hills cemetery located at the intersection of Twelve Mile Road and Halstead Roads.

**FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS CALL TO ACTION COALITION-  
DEVELOPMENT ASSETS AWARENESS EFFORT**

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Council expressed support for the "Personal Power" and "Self-Esteem" assets, part of the Search Institute's forty developmental assets, during the fourth quarter of 2004, as requested by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Call to Action Coalition.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST – BUTTERFLIES ON PARADE**

Administration advised that a special event request was received by the Rotary Club of Farmington to develop a fundraising program that would provide the display of cast aluminum butterflies, designed and painted by local artists, throughout the Downtown area next year. Administration further advised that a silent auction would be held at the conclusion of the display period and the proceeds would support the development of a park at the Main Branch Library on Twelve Mile.

Jan Dolan and Jim Fleischer, representing the Rotary Club of Farmington, discussed their plans for a fundraising program, "Butterflies on Parade", to provide funds for the development of a park at the Main Library Branch on Twelve Mile Road. Ms. Dolan indicated that the butterflies would be painted by local artists and would be displayed throughout the Downtown area. She projected that they would be displayed from May 15, 2005 thru September 15, 2005.

**RESOLUTION 10-04-222** Motion by McShane, seconded by Bush, to approve a special events request from the Rotary Club of Farmington to conduct a fundraising event that would include the display of 2' x 3' cast aluminum butterflies, designed and painted by local artists, throughout the Downtown area, for a tentative period of May 15 thru September 15, 2005. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER**

**CONSIDERATION TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES NEBUS AS PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR**

City Manager Pastue recommended that Council confirm the appointment of Charles Nebus to the position of Public Safety Director.

Charles Nebus thanked Council for the opportunity to serve the City of Farmington.

Farmington Hills City Manager, Steve Brock, recognized the excellent choice made by City Administration and Council in the appointment of Mr. Nebus and noted that his City's loss was Farmington's gain.

**RESOLUTION 10-04-223** Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to adopt a resolution confirming the City Manager's appointment of Charles Nebus as the new Public Safety Director, effective November 1, 2004. **[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]**. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE NO. 4 – 2004 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

Administration advised that with this last pay estimate request, the total amount spent for the 2004 Sidewalk Replacement Project is \$211,490.71 which is less than the original budget and contract amount. Administration further advised that Director Gushman has reviewed the pay request and recommends its approval.

**RESOLUTION 10-04-224** Motion by Bush, seconded by McShane, to approve construction estimate no. 4 final, for the 2004 Sidewalk Replacement Program and authorize payment in the amount of \$63,973.49 to Hard Rock Concrete, Inc.; funds provided in the FY 2003-04 budget.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CARE SERVICES**

Administration advised that Oakland County Animal Control Division has submitted a proposed three-year contract for the boarding and disposal of small domestic animals. Administration further advised that this is a renewal agreement that has been in place for many years. Administration noted that the City has not been billed for services from Oakland County in over eighteen months.

**RESOLUTION 10-04-225** Motion by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to renew a three-year interlocal agreement with Oakland County for Animal Care Services for a period beginning October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2007; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. **[SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT]**.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO RENEW STATE TRUNKLINE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

Administration advised that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has offered to continue a contract with the City for a five-year period to provide routine maintenance of the surface street and right-of-way on Grand River Avenue. Administration further advised that MDOT would be responsible for major repair, surface replacement and bridge replacement and the City would provide routine maintenance such as pothole repair and street sweeping.

Responding to a question, Director Gushman confirmed that MDOT's responsibility for grass and weed control is in the right-of-ways with the majority of the work on the east end of the City.

**RESOLUTION 10-04-226** Motion by Mitchell, seconded by McShane, to approve a State Trunkline Maintenance Contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation

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for Grand River Avenue for a five-year period, October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2009; to designate the Department of Public Works Director as Highway Maintenance Superintendent; and to authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. **[SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT]**. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE SALE OF THE 47<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURTHOUSE**

Administration advised that a draft for a Request for Proposals for the sale of the old 47<sup>th</sup> District Courthouse has been developed to elicit bids and development plans from interested parties. Administration further advised that the submission deadline is November 19, 2004.

**RESOLUTION 10-04-227** Motion by McShane, seconded by Bush, to authorize City Administration to release a Request for Proposals for the sale of the old 47<sup>th</sup> District Courthouse and site, 32795 Ten Mile Road. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tracy Thompson, Farmington resident and member of the Cable Access Committee (CAC), expressed the need to keep the Committee active. She advised that the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) had amended the original franchise agreement to terminate the CAC. She asked Council to support retaining the CAC and its vital contribution to local cable.

City Manager Pastue indicated that a study session on October 18, 2004 has been planned with SWOCC Director Caren Collins and proposed changes will be discussed at that time.

Responding to a question, Ms. Thompson confirmed that she has been affiliated with cable for a long time and is also a former employee of SWOCC.

Councilmember Knol requested a clarification of the issues concerning SWOCC and the CAC. Mayor Campbell requested that a meeting be arranged with the Farmington members of the CAC prior to meeting with SWOCC.

Dick Carvell, Farmington resident, expressed concern that proposed Charter Amendments on the November General Election ballot have not been publicized.

City Manager Pastue indicated that a letter concerning the proposed amendments would go out to the community.

Councilmember McShane requested that information regarding the Charter Amendments be added to cable programming.

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Spencer Brown, Farmington Hills resident, spoke about the recent native planting project in Shiawassee Park. He acknowledged Director Gushman and his staff for providing assistance in this project and their ongoing efforts to keep the plants watered.

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Mayor Campbell recognized Interim Public Safety Director Wiggins for his efforts in leading the department during the transition period. Councilmember McShane recognized Interim Director Wiggin's devotion and contributions to the Department and expressed sadness at the news of his retirement. Councilmember Mitchell echoed McShane's comments and stated that Interim Director Wiggins will be missed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT: QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2004**

**10-04-228** MOTION by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to receive and file the financial report for quarter ended June, 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENTS REPORT**

**10-04-229** MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to approve the monthly payments report for September 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**10-04-230** MOTION by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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ARNOLD T. CAMPBELL, Mayor

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PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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SUSAN HALBERSTADT, Recording Secretary/Deputy Clerk