

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, October 21, 2002 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 Mitchell.

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

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

10-02-850 MOTION by Harrison, seconded by Bush, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

10-02-851 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to approve the special meeting minutes September 23 and 26, 2002 and October 7 and 8, 2002; and regular meeting minutes of October 7, 2002.

REPORT FROM BOYS STATE REPRESENTATIVES: JEFF TOSOIAN, COLIN VENETTIS.

Farmington High School students, Jeff Tosoian and Colin Venettis, sponsored by the City of Farmington, reported on their experience at the American Legion's Boys State Program this past summer and thanked City Council for their support.

MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS

10-02-852 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to receive and file the minutes of the following Boards and Commissions:

- Planning Commission minutes of October 14, 2002.
- Historical Commission minutes of September 18, 2002.
- Traffic and Safety Board minutes of September 19, 2002.
- Commission on the Environment minutes of September 10, 2002.
- Farmington Area Arts Commission minutes of September 19, 2002.
- Election Commission minutes of October 11, 2002.

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATION: AUDIT REPORT – PLANTE & MORAN.

Mr. Gordon Krater and Ms. Michelle Watterworth of Plante & Moran were present to review the City of Farmington's audit report for fiscal year 2001-2002. Mr. Krater stated that Plante & Moran has given the City's financial report an "unqualified opinion" which is the highest level of assurance that the report is in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles. He congratulated the City of Farmington on their financial conservatism and ability to contain costs. He discussed the major funds of the City citing their financial soundness. Mr. Krater thanked City Manager Lauhoff for his help and cooperation over the past several years.

Ms. Watterworth provided a brief overview of status of the General Fund revenues and expenditures for fiscal year ending June 30, 2002. Responding to a question, Ms. Watterworth stated that the primary reason for the increase in operating expenditures was due to increased transfers from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. Ms. Watterworth stated that the City remains in a sound financial position.

Discussion followed regarding funding of the Pension System and future trends. Ms. Watterworth discussed other areas including GASB 34, revenue sharing, personal property taxes, telecommunication issues, transportation financing and positive pay systems.

Ms. Watterworth thanked the administration for their cooperation in conducting the audit.

10-02-853 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Harrison, to accept the 2001-2002 Audit Report as presented by Plante & Moran, LLP. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

REQUEST FROM MR. DAVID CORNWELL FOR SIGN REPLACEMENT AT 33104 GRAND RIVER AVENUE. Administration advised that Cornwell & Bush Real Estate Company recently purchased a Re/Max franchise and is required to change the current sign. Administration further advised that the sign requested would be approximately the same height as other signs in the area and would replace an existing sign approved by Council.

Mr. David Cornwell was present to review the sign request and respond to questions.

Council member Bush stated she would abstain from discussion and vote due to her ownership in the company.

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Responding to a question from Council, Mr. Cornwell stated the lighting on the new sign would be the same as the previous one. Mr. Cornwell discussed the dimensions of the proposed sign and its conformity with other signs in the area.

10-02-854 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Harrison, to approve a replacement sign measuring approximately 40" x 54", with a total height, including posts, of approximately 90", at 33104 Grand River in the Central Business District under Section 25-13(11). MOTION CARRIED, 4 ayes, 1 abstention (Bush).

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

CONSIDERATION TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR REPROGRAMMING OF PRIOR CDBG ALLOCATIONS. Administration advised that it was in the best interest of the City to request reprogramming of \$33,886 from the 2001-02 and 2002-03 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Years.

10-02-855 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to call a public hearing on November 4, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. for public comment regarding the reprogramming of CDBG funds for the 2001-02 and 2002-03 program years. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING ON 2003-2004 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM. Administration recommended Council consider establishing the following development objectives for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2003-2004 program year: (1) senior services and (2) senior transportation vehicle; and requested that Council call a public hearing as required by the application process.

10-02-856 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Harrison, to call a public hearing on November 4, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. for public comment on the proposed 2003-2004 Community Development Block Grant program application. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION OF EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO THE FARMINGTON SANITARY INTERCEPTOR. Administration advised that as a result of subsequent videotaping of the sanitary interceptor pipe it was discovered that displacement had occurred that would require excavation and repair to the pipe prior to lining. Administration further advised that the pipe needed to be repaired during dry weather conditions and as a result of this urgent need for repair, the City authorized SBG Construction to complete the work.

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10-02-857 MOTION by Harrison, seconded by Campbell, to authorize the emergency repair costs to the Farmington sanitary interceptor near Shiawassee and Inkster Road and Shiawassee west of Eight Mile Road in the amount of \$34,666.22 and authorize payment to SBG Construction of Westland, Michigan; funds available from the Water and Sewer Fund and are reimbursable in part from the EPA Grant from the Sewer Interceptor Project.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Campbell, Harrison, McShane, Mitchell, Bush.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE NO. 1 FOR THE FARMINGTON INTERCEPTOR SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT. City Administration concurred with the City Engineer and Public Services Director and recommended payment of Construction Estimate No. 1 for work performed on the Farmington Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation Project.

Responding to a question, City Manager Lauhoff stated that Council would be provided with the total cost of the Project in November.

10-02-858 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to approve Construction Estimate No. 1 for work performed on the Farmington Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation Project and authorize payment to Insituform Technologies, USA, Inc. of Lemont, Illinois in the amount of \$639,253.10; funds provided in the City's Water and Sewer Fund and reimburseable from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency grant.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Harrison, McShane, Mitchell, Bush, Campbell.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE OAKLAND COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND. Administration advised that in order to access funds from the Oakland County Environmental Infrastructure Fund for work performed on the Sanitary Interceptor Rehabilitation Project Council would need to adopt a resolution to request reimbursement.

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10-02-859 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Harrison, to adopt a resolution that requests reimbursement from the Oakland County Environmental Infrastructure Fund in the amount of \$151,971.54 for the Sanitary Interceptor Rehabilitation Project. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

ROLL CALL

AYES: McShane, Mitchell, Bush, Campbell, Harrison.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE JOINT CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS AND MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR FARMINGTON ROAD LANDSCAPING. Administration advised that a Transportation Enhancement grant for an estimated total of \$90,070 was approved for new plantings along Farmington Road from Eight Mile Road to Slocum Street. Administration further advised that the City of Farmington Hills and the City of Farmington would be responsible for costs over the grant amount with Farmington's share at 70% of the total.

10-02-860 MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to adopt a resolution to approve a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Farmington for the Transportation Enhancement Grant to provide landscaping on Farmington Road from Eight Mile Road to Slocum Street and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to sign the agreement. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION/CONTRACT].

ROLL CALL

AYES: Mitchell, Bush, Campbell, Harrison, McShane.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

No public comments were heard.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

City Manager Lauhoff informed Council that the new Civic Theatre marquee is currently being manufactured and will be in place by the holidays.

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Mayor Mitchell informed Council that the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) has offered programming dates of October 31st, November 1st or 6th for the downtown business shows. He advised that names of businesses that would like to be interviewed should be forwarded to the City Manager's office.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT – JULY 1, 2002 THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 30, 2002.**

10-02-861 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Bush, to receive and file the Building Department Quarterly Report for period ending September 30, 2002. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Responding to a question, Director Gushman stated that there were a higher number of Recreation Vehicles complaints than usual.

Responding to an additional question, Director Gushman stated that the replacement trees in front of the CVS store are dying due to a sprinkler problem.

ADJOURNMENT

10-02-862 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Harrison, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

JAMES K. MITCHELL, MAYOR

PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER