

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 7, 2011

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, November 7, 2011, 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 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Buck.

**PRESENT:** Buck, Galvin, Knol, McShane, Wright.

**ABSENT:** None.

**CITY ADMINISTRATION:** Director Gushman, Recording Secretary Murphy, Director Schulz, City Attorney Schultz, City Manager Pastue, Treasurer Weber.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Elise Newcomer, Miss Farmington, led the Pledge.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**11-11-185** MOTION by Knol, seconded by McShane, to approve the revised regular agenda. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**MISS FARMINGTON - ELISE NEWCOMER**

Elise Newcomer provided an update on her activities as Miss Farmington. She spoke about her involvement with the Blizzard Buddies campaign to provide warm winter outerwear for homeless veterans and other families in need.

Questions and comments were entertained.

**PROCLAMATION - PAUL SMITH**

Council issued a proclamation in recognition of Paul Smith, Assistant Public Services Director, who will retire on November 11, 2011.

**PROCLAMATION - BOTSFORD SENIOR LIVING CENTER**

Council issued a proclamation in recognition of Botsford Senior Living Center for receiving its Level III Quality Seal from the Michigan Center for Assisted Living (MCAL).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE C-759-2011 TO AMEND TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS**

**11-11-186** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Galvin, to adopt Ordinance C-759-2011, to amend traffic control orders of the City of Farmington. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE].

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Galvin, Knol, McShane, Wright, Buck.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE OAKLAND COUNTY BUILDING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION DAMAGE ASSESSMENT MUTUAL AID INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT.**

Pastue advised City administration is recommending participation in a mutual aid agreement that would be limited to damage assessment in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. He stated one of the elements of responding to a declared state-of-emergency is to assess the value of property damage, this being necessary to qualify for state and federal emergency assistance.

Pastue stated the mutual aid agreement with the Oakland County Building Officials would provide assistance in the event a state-of-emergency was declared in Farmington. He noted Farmington building officials may be called upon to assist with a damage assessment in a community that is part of this mutual aid agreement.

**11-11-187** MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wright, to approve Oakland County Building Officials Association damage assessment mutual aid agreement. [SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT].

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Wright, Buck, Galvin.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION REGARDING CITY OF FARMINGTON'S COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC ACT 152 PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEE MEDICAL BENEFIT CONTRIBUTIONS.**

Pastue indicated earlier this year Governor Snyder signed into law Public Act 152 which is known as the *Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act*. This Act establishes limits as to how much a public employer can contribute toward an employee medical benefit plan, \$5,500 for single, \$11,000 for two-person coverage, and \$15,000 for family coverage.

Pastue advised Council has the option by a majority vote, to change from the above caps to an 80% employer cap and further, to opt out of the process for one year by a 2/3 majority vote.

Pastue stated that under Section 9 of the Act, non-compliance would result in a 10% reduction in Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) payments, which for Farmington would amount to approximately \$9,330 in the current fiscal year. He indicated a December 31 deadline to comply for 2012 unless a collective bargaining agreement exists.

Pastue noted in June 2010 all four bargaining units ratified contracts with the City through June 30, 2013. Therefore, only non-union employees would be immediately affected by this legislation. City Administration is requesting City Council adopt a resolution affirming its compliance with the Act for non-union employees and that collective bargaining agreements were ratified in June 2010.

Discussion was held regarding the differences in the 80/20 or hard cap.

Knol clarified her understanding of the Act.

Further discussion was held.

McShane and Buck expressed gratitude to the employees and administration for the concessions they have made due to budget constraints.

**11-11-188** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Knol, to adopt a resolution affirming the City of Farmington's compliance with the requirements of Public Act 152 pertaining to employee medical benefit contributions. **[SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]**.

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: McShane, Wright, Buck, Galvin, Knol.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Maureen Dwyer, 33614 Hillcrest, expressed concern over rumors spread through the community about the future of Sundquist Pavilion. She expressed her support for this wonderful asset to the City.

Linda Chiara, 33630 Shiawassee, expressed the same thoughts.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

Wright indicated that it was his last meeting after serving on the Council for five years. He stated he was a better person for the opportunity and encouraged others to participate.

Fellow Council members thanked Wright for his service, the skill set he brought to the Council and his analysis of issues.

Knol also stated that tonight's meeting was her last and what a great honor it was to serve on the Council for eight years, two of them as Mayor. She reviewed the many accomplishments the City has achieved and thanked all involved.

Fellow Council members in turn thanked Knol for her service and the privilege of working with her.

Mayor Buck stated the City was very fortunate to have had Wright and Knol on the Council and echoed his appreciation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**11-11-189** MOTION by Wright, seconded by Knol, to adjourn the meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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J. T. (Tom) Buck, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: November 21, 2011