

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, October 3, 2011

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, October 3, 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: City Manager Pastue, City Clerk Halberstadt, Attorney Schultz

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Brian Galvin, son of Councilmember Bill Galvin led the Pledge.

OATH OF OFFICE - BILL GALVIN

Newly appointed Councilmember Bill Galvin was welcomed and congratulated on his appointment. City Clerk Halberstadt administered the oath of office to Mr. Galvin.

Mr. Galvin expressed gratitude to Council for his appointment and the privilege to serve the citizens of Farmington. He took the opportunity to introduce his family who were present.

CONSENT AGENDA

10-11-163 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Knol, to approve the consent agenda which included the special meeting minutes of September 6, 2011. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

10-11-164 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wright, to approve the regular agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF TERRI SUTTON FROM PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Buck regret at the resignation of Terri Sutton from the Planning Commission. He recognized her long and committed service to the City.

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Sutton thanked Council for her appointment to the Planning Commission and stated it has been a pleasure to serve.

McShane stated she did not want to accept Sutton's resignation, but realized she had no choice. She praised Sutton for being one of the best Commissioners over the last 15 years. She recognized her forthrightness in making decisions and who has served as a wonderful role model for women in the community.

Knol also expressed her thanks and wished her the best in her future endeavors.

10-11-165 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Knol, to accept the resignation of Terri Sutton from Planning Commission. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was heard.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION TO AMEND SWOCC INTERJURISDICTIONAL AGREEMENT

Pastue stated that the proposed amendments to the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) multijurisdictional agreement unites the three cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi together to address the projected long term operating deficit and financial plan. He advised it does not address capital equipment replacement, the need to maintain local productions for the three cities, recognition that public access cable television is no longer the sole means for disseminating video information to a broader public and changes in the regulatory environment as it pertains to cable television franchises.

Pastue further advised the SWOCC Board has decided to eliminate the Executive Director position and redistribute associated duties and responsibilities. He stated in order to implement this change it is necessary for the three cities to amend the agreement eliminating any reference to the Executive Director position.

Pastue advised the SWOCC Board approved the amendment to the by-laws subject to approval by the three cities. Both Novi and Farmington Hills approved the amendments at their September 26th meetings. City Administration is recommending approval for same by Council.

McShane inquired regarding the length of time SWOCC has been operating at a deficit and questioned future prospects.

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Pastue responded SWOCC's deficit has worsened this year and prospects were dim. He advised that in order to maintain existing programming levels long term this action was necessary. He also cited the significant and evolving changes in the world of cable television. He indicated the deficit for this year was a little over \$40,000 which did not include equipment replacement.

Galvin requested clarification of the proposed organization chart for this agreement.

Pastue responded that each city had agreed to take on additional administrative responsibilities. Farmington would continue to provide general accounting and payables for which it is compensated by SWOCC. Novi will provide Human Resources support for the existing staff. Farmington Hills will provide central services including purchasing and IT. All three communities will be playing a more active role in regulatory requirements.

Responding to a question from Wright, Pastue stated the SWOCC Board would oversee the operations along with an operations manager.

RESOLUTION 10-11-166 Motion by Knol, seconded by Wright, to approve amendments to the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC) Multi-jurisdictional agreement. **[SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT].**

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO RENEW ANIMAL CARE CENTER SERVICES AND DISPOSAL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH OAKLAND COUNTY.

RESOLUTION 10-11-167 Motion by McShane, seconded by Galvin, to renew an agreement beginning July 1, 2011 and expiring September 30, 2013 with Oakland County Animal Care Center for the boarding and disposal of small domestic animals. **[SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT].**

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO RENEW FARMINGTON ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE ROAD COMMISSION WITH OAKLAND COUNTY.

Pastue stated that City Administration is again recommending Council renew a maintenance agreement with the Oakland County Road Commission which covers a one-year period beginning October 1st and provides for regular maintenance on Farmington Road between Eight Mile and Grand River.

Wright asked regarding the actual cost to maintain Farmington Road. Pastue responded the City is reaching the point where maintenance costs are somewhat over the contract amount.

Galvin inquired as to why Oakland County has not adjusted the amount of the contract over the last four years. Pastue responded it coincided with gas and weight tax revenues for disbursement.

RESOLUTION 10-11-168 Motion by Wright, seconded by Knol, to renew the Farmington Road Maintenance Agreement with the Road Commission for Oakland County for a one-year period beginning October 1, 2011. **[SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT].**

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION TO AMEND SHIAWASSEE PARK LEASE AGREEMENT WITH FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Pastue indicated this is the same long term lease agreement for six acres in Shiawassee Park expiring on September 30, 2012 with consideration being \$1.00.

RESOLUTION 10-11-169 Motion by Wright, seconded by Galvin, to approve amendment of the Shiawassee Park Lease Agreement with Farmington Public Schools to extend use of the six acre area on the western portion of the park through September 30, 2012. **[SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT].**

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE FLANDERS SCHOOL PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

Pastue stated this is a simple agreement with the schools to maintain Flanders property that includes a couple of ball fields and playground equipment. He advised Farmington and Farmington Hills share services for upkeep. He indicated that now that the school has been demolished the City should handle maintenance of the property to keep it a viable part of the neighborhood. He stated \$5,000 was provided in the budget for this purpose.

McShane questioned the amount for upkeep and noted it seemed excessive.

Pastue responded the area is approximately 10 acres and therefore upkeep cost is reasonable.

Responding to a question from Knol, Pastue stated the parking lots would not continue to be plowed.

RESOLUTION 10-11-170 Motion by Wright, seconded by McShane, to approve Flanders School Maintenance Agreement with Farmington Public Schools. **[SEE ATTACHED AGREEMENT].**

ROLL CALL

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

10-11-171 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wright, to appoint Jill Babcock to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2012. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

COUNCIL COMMENT

McShane asked regarding the status of closed schools in the Farmington District. She stated the public should be informed if any of the properties are for sale.

Buck pointed out that five of the major business items on the agenda were shared services and was a good example of the City's continuing effort in that regard.

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Buck spoke about the upcoming election in November and noted that Bill Galvin is still on the ballot as well as Councilmember McShane and Jeffrey Taylor who was present at the meeting.

Pastue explained the issue of Galvin being on the ballot and an appointed versus elected position.

Wright inquired regarding the paving on the north side of Grand River and Pastue stated it is complete.

ADJOURNMENT

10-11-172 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Knol, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

J. T. (Tom) Buck, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: October 17, 2011