

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, December 17, 2007, 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 Knol.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**CITY ADMINISTRATION:** City Clerk Halberstadt, Director Nebus, Assistant City Manager Richards.

**CLOSED SESSION – POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN (POAM) LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**

**12-07-207** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to enter into closed session to discuss POAM Labor negotiations.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Council returned to open session at 7:35 p.m.

**FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD PRESENTATION**

Present: Tina Theeke, Director

Director Theeke advised the audit report for year ended June 30, 2007 showed the Farmington Community Library is financially sound. She spoke about the many changes the Library has experienced, including a growing trend toward media, film and music. She noted 35% of the items checked out from the Library are non-print materials. She further noted new collections offered by the Library including: video games, computer tablet for children called Leap Frog, and PlayAways for adult and children.

Director Theeke indicated the Library has implemented a Print Management and Computer Log-In System. She stated this system provides equal access and accountability in use of Library computers. She indicated the Library has implemented a new automation system which is a major upgrade for all circulation and patron records.

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Director Theeke discussed some of the marketing tools used to encourage greater participation in the Library. She further discussed the Library's collaboration with many community organizations including Farmington Youth Assistance and the Community Arts Council.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Buck, Director Theeke stated she understands the impact of the proposed Tax Increment Financing (TIF) changes on the Library's bottom line, however, she and the Board view the Library as a partner in helping to create a vibrant Downtown.

Councilmember Wright congratulated Director Theeke on the Library's many innovative programs.

Councilmember McShane recognized the wonderful programs offered by the Library. She asked about the challenges the Library faces in dealing with a diverse community.

Discussion followed regarding community diversity and the Library's approach to overcoming language barriers.

Responding to an additional question from Councilmember McShane, Director Theeke advised of upcoming repairs to the infrastructure of the Farmington Library.

Mayor Knol thanked Director Theeke for keeping the Library relevant. She encouraged the Library to continue to work with the schools in teaching English as a second language. She further encouraged the Library to continue collaborative programs with the Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Development Authority, etc. in assisting people who have lost jobs.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None was heard.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

None was heard.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**12-07-208** MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Wright, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Valerie S. Knol, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: February 18, 2008

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