

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, March 3, 2003 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 Pastue, Assistant City Manager Richards, Attorney Schultz.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

03-03-061 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2003 regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS

03-03-062 MOTION by Harrison, seconded by Bush, to receive and file the minutes from the following Boards and Commissions:

- Historical Commission minutes of January 15, 2003.
- Traffic & Safety Board minutes of February 20, 2003.
- Commission on the Environment minutes of November 12, 2002.
- Farmington Area Commission on Aging minutes of January 28, 2003.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATION: MAYORAL PHOTOGRAPH – KELLY ZANDER, MISS FARMINGTON/OAKLAND COUNTY 2002-2003

Executive Director Ginny Morris informed Council that the Miss Farmington/Oakland County franchise would no longer exist as of June 30, 2003 due to its termination by the Miss America organization. She recommended the establishment of a Founders Festival Queen event involving high school students only.

Miss Farmington/Oakland County Kelly Zander presented the mayoral photograph to Council.

Council thanked Director Morris for her past contributions and wished her success in her future endeavors.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DIRECTOR QUARTERLY REPORT

Director Morgan provided a quarterly update on current activities of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), including progress of the Main Street Oakland County program. He spoke about the four-point plan of the Main Street program that involves four committees addressing the areas of design, promotion, economic restructuring and organization. He stated that the Main Street program involves the participation of four DDA board members who will chair each of the four committees. He further stated that each committee would include 8-10 volunteers from the community.

Director Morgan discussed the four areas of technical assistance provided through the Main Street program during the first year and they include: needs assessment; Main Street 101 workshop; Main Street research team; and work planning and visiting sessions.

Director Morgan stated that approximately 25 community members have already volunteered to serve on committees.

In response to a question from Council, Director Morgan stated that a visual time line for the Main Street program could be developed and publicized.

Council member McShane recommended a joint recruitment effort of DDA and board and commission volunteers through a designated front page section of the Farmington Observer.

Director Morgan spoke about a packet he has prepared for each community member who expresses interest in volunteering. Responding to a request from Council, he will provide a packet to each of them. Regarding the upcoming DDA board meeting, he stated that the consulting firm of Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc & Associates, Inc. would be present to discuss preparation of the TEA-21 Grant application for the Downtown Farmington Center Project.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

LETTER FROM WALTER CHRISTENSEN, VETERANS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE CHAIRMAN RE: PARADE PERMIT. Walter Christensen requested permission to use Grand River for the annual Memorial Day Parade.

03-03-063 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to approve the use of Grand River for the Veteran's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; that the State of Michigan, Department of Transportation, be held harmless from any liability resulting from the closing of Grand River and to authorize the Public

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Safety Department to file for the appropriate permits with the Michigan Department of Transportation. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

RESOLUTION NAMING STREET ADMINISTRATOR. Administration recommended that Council appoint Kevin Gushman as the Street Administrator for the City of Farmington, given his current responsibilities for maintenance and repair of streets within the City.

03-03-064 MOTION by Harrison, seconded by Campbell, to appoint Public Services Director, Kevin Gushman, as the Street Administrator for the City of Farmington, as provided in Section 13 of Public Acts of 1951. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ACCEPTANCE OF BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL REPORT.

Administration advised that the Brownfield Redevelopment financial report for period ending June 20, 2002 reflected no activity for that time period.

03-03-065 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Harrison, to receive and file the City of Farmington Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Financial Report for period ending June 30, 2002 and authorize filing with the Michigan Tax Commission. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AWARDING RESOLUTION FOR 2003 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL

IMPROVEMENTS SEWER BONDS. Administration recommended that Council adopt a resolution awarding the sale of bonds to the low bidder, Comerica Securities.

Michael McGee of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone clarified for Council the meaning of unlimited tax general obligations.

03-03-066 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Bush, to award the sale of the City of Farmington's \$900,000 2003 General Obligation Capital Improvement Sewer Bonds to the low bidder, Comerica Securities. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT.

No public comments were heard.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Council complimented City Manager Pastue on his written report format.

FARMINGTON EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT.

03-03-067 MOTION by Harrison, seconded by McShane, to receive and file the City of Farmington Employee's Retirement System Annual Report for FY 2001-2002. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2002. Public Safety Director Goss presented the annual report for the Public Safety Department. He stated that Part I (serious crimes of a felony nature) and Part II (misdemeanor in nature) crimes are both down from last year and continue on a ten-year downward trend. He further stated that the number of Part I crimes in the City of Farmington were about half (based on the number of crimes per 100,000 population) of what the state, county and adjoining community reported in 2001. Director Goss discussed state budget cuts and their affect on public safety in the community.

Discussion followed regarding the Neighborhood Watch program and its effectiveness in the community.

03-03-068 MOTION by Bush, seconded by Harrison, to receive and file the Public Safety Annual Report for 2002. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENTS REPORT

03-03-069 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by McShane, to approve the February 2003 Monthly Payments Report. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

03-03-070 MOTION by Campbell, seconded by Harrison, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

JAMES K. MITCHELL, MAYOR

PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER