

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2006 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 McShane.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: John T. Buck, Valerie S. Knol, JoAnne M. McShane, Karen E. Sutherland, Michael J. Wiggins.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Gushman, City Manager Pastue, Attorney Schultz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

01-06-001 MOTION by Sutherland, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RESIGNATION FROM BOARD OF REVIEW

01-06-002 MOTION by Knol, seconded by Sutherland, to accept the resignation of Earl Thomas from the Board of Review effective December 31, 2005. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion followed regarding possible candidates to fill the position.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES C-710-2006, C-711-2006, C-712-2006, and C-713-2006, ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS

Administration advised that the Planning Commission has recommended zoning text changes relating to Outdoor Sales and Displays, Residential In-fill Standards and Downtown Design Standards, resulting in the introduction of four new ordinances. Administration further advised of the importance of adopting these ordinances prior to the spring construction and permit season to ensure that the new standards are in place.

01-06-003 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Buck, to introduce Ordinance C-710-2006 to amend Chapter 35, Zoning, Article VII, relating to design standards and outdoor sales and displays; Ordinance C-711-2006 to amend Chapter 35, Zoning, Article 13, relating to site plan review; Ordinance C-712-2006 to amend Chapter 35, Zoning, Article 14, relating to off-street parking and loading standards and access design; and Ordinance C-713-2006 to amend Chapter 35, Zoning, Article 2, relating to residential design standards, height limits, pedestrian walkways, exterior lighting, waste receptacles and outdoor sales and displays and to amend Article 12, "Special Land Uses" relating to

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outdoor sales and displays. **[SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCES]**. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STUDY SESSION ITEMS

REVIEW OF CITY FINANCES (BUDGET FOR NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS)

City Manager Pastue provided an overview of City finances including the General Fund, Major, Local and Municipal Street Funds, the Water and Sewer Fund, Theatre Fund, sources of revenue, expenditures, and bonded debt.

REVIEW OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS – COMPLETION OF DOWNTOWN CENTER PROJECT, FOOTING DISCONNECT PROJECT AND 2006 GRAND RIVER STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

Pastue provided an update on the remaining work to be completed on the Downtown Center and Pavilion Project and possible additional improvements. He further discussed the status of the Footing Disconnect Project in Chatham Hills, and provided an update on the proposed 2006 Grand River Streetscape improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Leonard, Farmington resident, expressed her concern regarding the look of the proposed Pavilion doors.

COUNCIL COMMENT

Councilmember Buck expressed appreciation to Administration for their proactive thinking concerning the plans for the improvement on Grand River. Pastue noted that the Main Street Design Committee has done an excellent job in the planning process. He further noted the responsiveness of Director Gushman and the engineering firm of OHM, Inc.

Buck also noted the forward thinking shown by Administration in planning and administering the City budget.

Councilmember Wiggins asked when the milling on Grand River relative to the bridge would take place. Pastue responded that it would likely take place sometime after June. He stated that the work would be done in “mile” sections with the milling done at night so that traffic could continue to move throughout the day. Gushman stated that lanes would always be open on Grand River including in the Downtown area. He noted that work in the Downtown would likely be done on the weekends.

Responding to a question, Gushman stated that milling in the Downtown area would be done at night.

Mayor McShane advised the new Councilmembers that municipal training is available through the Michigan Municipal League. She asked about businesses leaving their

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A-frame signs out at night. Pastue responded that the City would remind businesses regarding this concern.

Mayor McShane asked when the signs showing the name of former DDA Director Morgan would be replaced with the name of the new Director, Annette Knowles. Pastue responded that he would discuss the issue with Director Knowles.

ADJOURNMENT

01-06-004 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Sutherland, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

JoAnne M. McShane, Mayor

Patsy K. Cantrell, City Clerk/Treasurer

Susan K. Halberstadt, Recording Secretary

APPROVED: January 17, 2006