

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2002 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, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: Campbell, Harrison.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Lauhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards, Attorney Schultz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

09-02-814 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to approve the agenda as revised. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

09-02-815 MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 5, 2002. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS

09-02-816 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to receive and file the minutes of the following Boards and Commissions:

- Farmington Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees minutes of July 25, 2002.
- Downtown Development Authority minutes of August 13, 2002.
- Planning Commission minutes of August 12, 2002.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATIONS

AMERICAN LEGION/FARMINGTON AREA JAYCEES RE: SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 AS "A DAY TO REMEMBER".

EDNA RANKINE, OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE, MADONNA UNIVERSITY, RE: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2002 AS NATIONAL CIVIC PARTICIPATION WEEK.

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KAREN BOLSEN, MULTICULTURAL/MULTIRACIAL CO-CHAIR, RE: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20-29, 2002 AS "HERITAGE WEEK".

09-02-817 MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to approve the following proclamations:

- Recognition of September 11, 2001 as a "Day to Remember".
- The week of September 11-17, 2002 as National Civic Participation Week.
- The week of September 20-29, 2002 as "Heritage Week".

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Ron Oliverio, representative of the American Legion and Mr. Greg Fernandes, President of the Jaycees, were present to invite the Council to attend a candlelight vigil, Wednesday, September 11, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Karen Bolsen, Multicultural/Multiracial Co-chair, was present to review the events planned for "Heritage Week".

Ms. Edna Rankine, Office of Student Life, Madonna University, thanked the Council for recognizing "National Civic Participation Week" and reviewed some of the events planned for that week.

QUARTERLY UPDATES

COUNTY COMMISSIONER TERRY SEVER.

County Commissioner Sever informed Council that the November ballot would include a proposed ½ mill tax increase for the Arts. He further stated that 2/3 of this increase would be allocated for major art institutions and programs and the other 1/3 would be allocated to local art & recreation programs.

Responding to a question from Council, Commissioner Sever discussed the progress of a centralized police and fire phone and communication system including the distribution of used cell phones to seniors for the purpose of dialing 911.

Council expressed their appreciation to Commissioner Sever for his many years of service to the community.

MUSEUM DIRECTOR LINDA HORVATH.

Museum Director Horvath reviewed activities at the Museum including changes in exhibits. She also spoke about the difficulty of recruiting volunteers.

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Council thanked Director Horvath and the Museum volunteers for their efforts.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

LETTER FROM MARILYN LEOPOLD, GENERAL CHAIRPERSON FOR “TAG DAYS” RE: FUNDRAISING EVENT.

09-02-818 MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to grant permission to the Farmington High Schools’ Band and Orchestra Boosters to hold a “Tag Days” fund raising event Friday, September 20, 2002 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 21, 2002 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the entrances of local merchants with their permission. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

LETTER FROM HEIDI COOK, 23361 LIBERTY STREET, RE: BLOCK PARTY.

09-02-819 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to authorize closing of Liberty Street between State and Alta Loma Streets on Saturday, September 14, 2002 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a neighborhood block party and to authorize the Department of Public Services to provide barricades for the event. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONSIDERATION OF RESIGNATION FROM THE COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

09-02-820 MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to accept the resignation of Robert Rock from the Commission on the Environment and send a letter thanking him for his service to the City. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE MAYORS’ YOUTH COUNCIL BOARD AND YOUTH DELEGATE TO THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES.

09-02-821 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to appoint Nicole Boychuk as a Mayors’ Youth Council Board member for a term to expire August 31, 2003 and as a Youth Delegate to the Commission on Children, Youth and Families representing the City of Farmington for an unspecified term. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

CONSIDERATION OF INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. C-691-2002 FOR ZONING CODE REVISION. Administration advised that the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on August 12, 2002 regarding the proposed Zoning Ordinance revision after which time they recommended that City Council accept the proposed revisions for introduction and adoption as the new City of Farmington Zoning Code.

Administration also advised that along with the planning firm of Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc & Associates, Inc., City Administration and Department Heads and the City Attorney's office have been very involved in the work on this ordinance that extended over a two-year period. City Administration also thanked those involved for their time and effort.

Mr. Brad Strater of Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc & Associates, Inc. was present. He noted a change to Section 20.02, No. 8 of the proposed ordinance. He expressed his gratitude to members of City Administration and Commission & Board members who contributed to the revision process.

Council member McShane expressed her gratitude to Mr. Strader and all those who were involved in producing a clear and progressive Zoning Code that will benefit the whole community in years to come.

Mayor Mitchell recognized the effort put forth by all parties involved and thanked them for their contributions.

Mr. Strader indicated that a user guide would be made available to facilitate the use of the revised Zoning Code.

09-02-822 MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to introduce Ordinance No. C-691-2002 revising the City of Farmington Zoning Code including amendment of Section 20.02, No. 8 as noted by Mr. Brad Strader of Langworthy, Strader, LeBlanc & Associates, Inc. [SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF FRONT LOADER TRACTOR. Administration concurred with the Public Services Director and recommended that the City Council approve purchase of a front load tractor as proposed by, Michigan Cat of Novi, Michigan.

09-02-823 MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to approve the purchase of a 1998 Caterpillar 914G from Michigan Cat of Novi, Michigan at a cost of \$47,500 as the

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best value for the City; funds provided in the FY 2002-03 budget of the General Fund and Water and Sewer Fund.

ROLL CALL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISCELLANEOUS

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENT.

City Manager Frank Lauhoff announced his resignation effective January 3, 2002. He expressed his appreciation to Council for their professionalism, patience and friendship making it a pleasure to work together to serve the community.

Council member McShane expressed regret at Mr. Lauhoff's resignation, but noted the many wonderful programs that were developed under his tenure including renovation of the Civic Theatre, all of which has contributed to making this a great community in which to live.

Council member Bush stated that it has been her great pleasure to work with Mr. Lauhoff and cited the legacy he has left as City Manager.

Mayor Mitchell spoke about Mr. Lauhoff's proactive approach to management of the City, ensuring it would operate efficiently both now and in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Greg Fernandes, President of the Jaycees, expressed appreciation to Council for their continued support of the Jaycees. He spoke about upcoming activities and encouraged community members to join this worthwhile organization.
- Mr. Michael Fusilier, representing the Farmers' Market, requested that the Farmers' Market be temporarily moved to the Downtown Center on September 7, 2002 while the parking lot of their current location is being repaved.

City Manager Lauhoff stated that a sign publicizing the temporary relocation of the Farmers' Market could be posted by the City upon Council's approval of a temporary move.

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Council member McShane expressed the need to support this temporary move in order to maintain continuity of the market.

Mr. Fusilier stated that he will provide City Administration with a copy of a new Farm Bill that includes new rules on grants for local governments and municipalities that would help promote and expand farmers' markets when such grants are made available.

09-02-824 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to approve a temporary move of the Farmer's Market to the Downtown Center on September 7, 2002 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and authorize the Department of Public Services to post a sign accordingly. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Mr. Charles Cromer of the American Legion recited a poem he authored regarding the events of September 11, 2001.
- Mr. Poudel, co-owner of the Everest Express Nepali Cuisine restaurant, was present to express his gratification in operating a business in the City of Farmington.

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- Council member Bush asked about the progress of the construction of the new party store on Orchard Lake. City Manager Lauhoff stated that construction was slowed due to a backorder on windows.
- In response to a question from Council member McShane, City Manager Lauhoff stated that letters were sent to our legislators thanking them for their support in voting to override Governor Engler's veto of statutory tax revenue sharing.

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY OPERATIONS REPORT FOR APRIL – JUNE 2002. Director Goss reviewed the highlights of the report.

09-02-825 MOTION by Bush, seconded by McShane, to receive and file the Public Safety Department Quarterly Operations Report for period ending June 30, 2002. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENTS REPORT

09-02-826 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to approve the Monthly Payments Report for August, 2002. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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ADJOURNMENT

09-02-827 MOTION by McShane, seconded by Bush, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

JAMES K. MITCHELL, MAYOR

PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER