

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, April 19, 2004 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 Campbell.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Knol, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Gushman, City Manager Pastue, Interim Director Wiggins.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

04-04-082 Motion by Bush, seconded by McShane, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

04-04-083 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to approve the regular and special meeting minutes of April 5, 2004 and the joint meeting minutes of March 15, 2004. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATIONS

**DICK TUPPER – GEORGE ROMNEY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD
PRESENTED BY ANDREW NICKELHOFF, CHAIRPERSON, COMMISSION ON
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES AND JUDGE MARLA PARKER, CHAIRPERSON,
VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE**

Mayor Campbell delayed this presentation until all parties were present.

PROCLAMATION: “MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD”

Administration advised that at a March 30th meeting representatives from the Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, Farmington Community Library and Farmington Public Schools discussed the importance of the development of the young child. Administration further advised that this proclamation, recognizing April as the “Month of the Young Child”, is part of a follow-up to that joint meeting.

Joan McGlincy, a member of the Commission on Children, Youth and Families, stated that the Commission is actively working on the early childhood initiative.

04-04-084 Motion by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to proclaim April 2004 as the "Month of the Young Child" in the City of Farmington. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

FARMINGTON AREA FOUNDERS FESTIVAL, SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT

Administration recommended that City Council grant a Special Event Permit for the Farmington Area Founders Festival.

Kristine Franko, Executive Director of the Festival, reviewed plans for the Festival. She noted the addition of a new event, Battle of the Bands, to be held at Shiawassee Park.

Responding to a question, Ms. Franko confirmed that the Battle of the Bands event would end at 10:00 p.m.

Council member Knol expressed her concern regarding pedestrian safety on Grand River, especially during the Founders Festival. She suggested permanently placing A-frame signs on the Grand River Avenue cross walks in order to calm traffic and that a portion of Farmington Road should be closed during the Festival.

City Manager Pastue responded that the City had looked at closing a part of Farmington Road, however, there were concerns regarding emergency vehicle accessibility and increased neighborhood traffic. He further advised that the City would take another look at this option in 2005. He stated that Administration would meet with the City Engineer to discuss the possibility of permanently placing A-frame signs on Grand River. Mayor Campbell suggested referring this issue to the Traffic and Safety Board. Council member McShane noted that the Main Street Design Committee is also looking at signage needs in the Downtown area.

RESOLUTION 04-04-085 Motion by McShane, seconded by Bush, to grant a Special Event Permit for the Farmington Area Founders Festival for the dates of July 15-17, 2004;

- authorize the closing of Shiawassee between Power Road and Farmington Road (east) between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., July 15, for Kid's Day in the Park;
- authorize the Department of Public Safety to apply for a permit from the Michigan Department of Transportation in order to close Grand River Avenue from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 17, for the purpose of conducting parade activities;
- authorize events surrounding Festival activities to close no later than 11:00 p.m.;

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- waive provisions of the City Code regarding skateboard requirements in order to allow a professional demonstration in the Farmington Center parking lot;
- authorization to host a Battle of the Bands at Shiawassee Park on Thursday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the band shell;
- hold the State of Michigan Department of Transportation harmless for liability which may result in the closing of Grand River; and
- authorize City departments to provide the service required for the Farmington Area Founders Festival.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mayor Campbell readdressed the following agenda item 5A.

**DICK TUPPER – GEORGE ROMNEY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD
PRESENTED BY ANDREW NICKELHOFF, CHAIRPERSON, COMMISSION ON
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES AND JUDGE MARLA PARKER, CHAIRPERSON,
VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE**

Andrew Nickelhoff, Chairperson, Commission on Children, Youth and Families, spoke about the importance of volunteerism and the reopening of the volunteer center at the Costick Center.

Judge Marla Parker, Chairperson of the Volunteer Recognition Committee, recognized several volunteers who were not present:

- Lisa Cobaugh, a volunteer at Hillside Elementary school;
- Pat Isham, a community volunteer at the Oakland Community College Womens Center;
- Lydia Cohen, a community volunteer who has worked to break down cultural barriers;
- Jason Lubin, a student at North Farmington High School, who has volunteered with Farmington Hills youth soccer program. Jason was represented by his father, David Lubin, who accepted the award on behalf of his son; and

Sandra Smith, a volunteer with the Youth Assistance Program, was present and thanked the Committee for their recognition.

Judge Parker presented the 2004 George Romney Volunteer of the Year Award to Dick Tupper and recognized his long history of volunteer work and service to the Community including his significant contribution to the Goodfellows.

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Mr. Tupper thanked the Committee for their recognition and he thanked the Cities for creating the award.

Mayor Campbell, on behalf of the City Council, also recognized the many contributions Mr. Tupper has made to the community.

Council member Bush congratulated Mr. Tupper on his award and recognized his service to the community.

Council member McShane recognized Mr. Tupper as not only the volunteer of the year but of the decade.

Council member Mitchell acknowledged not only Mr. Tupper's deep level of commitment but his longevity as a volunteer.

Mayor Campbell readdressed the following agenda item 5B by inviting Chris McRae who was not present earlier to make a few comments.

PROCLAMATION: MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Chris McRae, a member of the Early Childhood Coordinating Committee, arrived to talk about development of the young child.

Mr. McRae introduced Nancy Ely, principal at the Fairview Early Childhood Center. Ms. Ely referred to research that indicates that years 0-5 are critical in the development of young children. She stressed the importance of reading to young children. She cited many activities planned in the Farmington Community to celebrate the Month of the Young Children.

Mr. McRae spoke about the City/School Early Childhood Coordinating Committee that was formed to further the understanding of the importance of development of the young child. He introduced his daughters who were with him.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

2004 PAVING PROGRAM BIDS

Administration advised that bid documents were prepared by the City's consulting engineers, Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment, for the 2004 paving program for reconstruction of State Street from Farmington Road to Liberty, and repairs in the Chatham Hills Subdivision. Administration further advised that the City engineers recommended that the City award the contract to the low bidder, Tiseo Brothers Inc.

Mr. Jon Kramer of Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment was present to respond to questions.

RESOLUTION 04-04-086 Motion by Knol, seconded by Mitchell, to award the contract for the 2004 Road Paving Program to Tiseo Brothers Inc. in the amount of \$453,411.25 and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract; funds to be provided from the Municipal Street Fund for fiscal year 2003-04.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Campbell, Knol, McShane, Mitchell, Bush.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED FY 2004-05 BUDGET

City Manager Pastue presented a proposed budget for 2004-05 and reviewed the legal and Charter requirements for determining the millage rate and adopting a budget and noted changes that have been made to comply with GASB 34 and the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act.

04-04-087 Motion by Bush, seconded by McShane, to receive and file the City Manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2004/05 City budget. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SCHEDULE MEETING DATE FOR COUNCIL BUDGET STUDY SESSION AND SPECIAL MEETING WITH FARMINGTON HILLS TO REVIEW JOINTLY FUNDED AGENCY BUDGETS

04-04-088 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to schedule a City Council budget study session for Thursday, April 29, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. and a special meeting for Tuesday, May 4, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. with the Farmington Hills Council to review joint agency budgets. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RATIFICATION OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE TO REPLACE PATROL VEHICLE

Administration advised that a patrol vehicle incurred major damage as a result of a recent accident. Administration further advised that the vehicle was well past the half way point of its useful life. Administration recommended that the City purchase a new vehicle at the 2004 Oakland County bid price of \$22,483 and apply the \$11,000 received from the insurance company towards that purchase.

RESOLUTION 04-04-089 Motion by McShane, seconded by Bush, to ratify an emergency purchase of a patrol vehicle replacement from Jorgensen Ford of Detroit in the amount of \$22,483. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ROLL CALL

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Mitchell, Bush, Campbell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MISCELLANEOUS

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

COUNCIL COMMENT

No Council comment was heard.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT
QUARTERLY REPORT – JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2004**

04-04-090 Motion by Bush, seconded by Mitchell, to receive and file the Department of Public Works & Water and Sewer Department third quarter report for fiscal year 2003-04. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY REPORT – JANUARY 1 THROUGH
MARCH 31, 2004**

04-04-091 Motion by McShane, seconded by Mitchell, to receive and file the Building Department third quarter report for fiscal year 2003-04. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ADJOURNMENT

04-04-092 Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Knol, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

ARNOLD T. CAMPBELL, Mayor

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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