

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Tuesday, January 16, 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 8:05 p.m. by Mayor McShane.

**PRESENT:** Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins.

**ABSENT:** None.

**CITY ADMINISTRATION:** Director Gushman, City Clerk Halberstadt, Director Nebus, Assistant City Manager Richards, Attorney Schultz, Treasurer Weber.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council approved the following items on the consent agenda:

- Regular Meeting minutes of December 18, 2006
- Special Meeting minutes of December 21, 2006
- Special Meeting minutes of January 3, 2007
- Joint Meeting with Farmington Schools and Farmington Hills for March 27, 2007
- Second Quarter Report: City of Farmington Building Department – October 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006
- Monthly Public Safety Report – December 2006
- City of Farmington Monthly Payments Report – December 2006
- Authorized Payments with the Drain Commissioner for Repairs and Evaluation of the Nine Mile Road Pump Station
- Accepted 2005-06 Investment Report
- Participation in Tri-Party Road Improvement Program

**RESOLUTION 01-07-010** Motion by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented.

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Buck.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

**01-07-011** MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Buck, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE HEARING OFFICER'S ORDER TO REMOVE DANGEROUS STRUCTURE AT 33054 ANNEWOOD, SIDWELL #23-34-301-009**

Administration requested Council approve the order to have a dangerous structure removed at 33054 Annewood and authorize all appropriate actions to do so and secure payment of the costs for removal.

City Attorney Schultz advised a proposed resolution has been prepared authorizing the City to proceed with the removal of the dangerous structure.

Cynthia Caesar, co-owner of the property, indicated that most of the structure had already been removed. She stated her intention to have the remainder of the structure would be removed.

City Attorney Schultz advised the owner has 60 days from the date the resolution is adopted to comply with the order.

**RESOLUTION 01-07-012** Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Knol, to adopt a resolution approving hearing officer's order to remove a dangerous structure located at 33054 Annewood and authorize Administration to have the structure removed by a contractor for a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,500. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: McShane, Wiggins, Buck, Knol.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES USA INC. TO PROVIDE SEWER REHABILITATION SERVICES**

**RESOLUTION 01-07-013** Motion by Knol, seconded by Buck, to waive the competitive bid process for the sewer lining project on Grand River between School Street and entrance of Riverview Condominiums, and approve an agreement with Insituform Technologies for a not-to-exceed amount of \$79,165.00. [SEE ATTACHED CONTRACT].

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Wiggins, Buck, Knol, McShane.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION AND ISSUANCE OF LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION – DUNLEAVY’S TRANSFER**

**RESOLUTION 01-07-014** Motion by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to adopt a resolution that recommends approval of CLASS C Liquor License transfer from D & D Restaurant Inc., 34505 Grand River, to DMP PUBS LLC with a new dance permit. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION].

**ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO ADOPT NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS STANDARDS (NIMS)**

**RESOLUTION 01-07-015** Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Knol, to adopt a resolution as presented that establishes the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard for incident management in the City of Farmington. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION REGARDING PUBLIC FORUM PERTAINING TO MERGER RECOMMENDATION**

**RESOLUTION 01-07-016** Motion by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to adopt a resolution to obtain public input regarding the Farmington Hills Sustainability Study recommendation to consider a merger of the two cities. [SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anne Sennish, 23079 Lakeway, praised Council for seeking public input regarding the proposed merger.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

Councilmember Buck commended Anne Sennish for her letter to Council regarding the proposed merger.

Councilmember Buck stated he was thrilled that Council received ten applications for the Council vacancy. He thanked members of the Public Safety Department for their response to the many incidents that occurred during the recent ice storm, including a major house fire.

Councilmember Knol commented on the events held at the Library in recognition of Martin Luther King day.

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Councilmember Wiggins congratulated Director Nebus on his recent election as President of the Southeast Michigan Police Chiefs.

Mayor McShane stated how fortunate the City is to have Director Nebus on staff.

Mayor McShane referred to a sign variance request from Skateboard Plus that was tabled at the last meeting in order to allow time for the owner to create an allowable sign. She stated to her knowledge nothing had been done even though she has both visited and phoned the store owner. She expressed concern that a sign is on display that does not meet ordinance requirements. She asked for Council's thoughts on the issue.

Councilmember Wiggins asked if any action had been taken by City Administration. Director Gushman advised a letter was sent by the Code Enforcement Officer to the owner but no response had been received.

Councilmember Knol noted Council gave the owner a month to find alternative signage that would meet code. She stated it is time for the sign to be taken down. She encouraged the owner to return to Council with a proposal for a sign that would be more appropriate and fitting.

City Attorney Schultz advised placing this issue on the next agenda so that action can be taken. He further advised the one month extension provided by Council at the last meeting is up and the proponent should be notified to remove the sign.

Councilmember Buck noted that it can take considerable time to review sign options and 30 days may not be enough time, however, he agreed with the recommendation from the City Attorney.

### **REVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL APPLICATIONS**

Mayor McShane announced ten applications for the Council vacancy have been received. She advised Lizbeth Gondek had rescinded her application and two of the applications had been turned in late.

Councilmember Buck recommended Council accept the two late applications since they were received close to the deadline. He further recommended that applicants complete a questionnaire in advance of scheduling interviews.

Councilmember Knol concurred with Councilmember Buck to allow the two late applicants and completion of a questionnaire in advance of scheduling interviews.

Councilmember Wiggins concurred to accept the late applications. He noted that Lizbeth Gondek withdrew her application because of the opening on the DDA Board. He recommended that applicants look to serve on other Boards and Commissions if not appointed to Council. He also agreed the questionnaire should be sent out in advance.

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Mayor McShane also agreed that the questionnaire should be completed by applicants in advance of scheduling interviews. She stated a deadline should be established by which the questionnaire should be returned.

Councilmember Buck recommended a deadline of January 26, 2007 which would give Council time to review the applications prior to the next meeting. Council concurred to review the applications at the February 5, 2007 special meeting and set a date for the interviews.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**01-07-017** Motion by Buck, seconded by Wiggins, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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JoAnne M. McShane, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: February 19, 2007