

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
February 6, 2010

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Saturday, February 6, 2010, 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 9:05 a.m. by Mayor Buck.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright (left at 12:45 p.m.).

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**CITY ADMINISTRATION:** City Clerk Halberstadt, City Manager Pastue.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**02-10-017** MOTION by Wright, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING AND GOAL SETTING FOR 2010**

Present: Bill Richards, Facilitator

Council participated in a strategic planning and goal setting session facilitated by Bill Richards. Mr. Richards used SWOT Analysis to guide Council through the strategic planning process. The SWOT Analysis is a strategic planning method used to evaluate the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of a project or entity.

In this first of two sessions, Council defined the strengths and weaknesses (internal factors) of Farmington; and the opportunities and threats (external factors). Council agreed to schedule an additional meeting to complete the goal setting session.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was heard.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

McShane asked regarding handicap parking on the north side of Grand River. Pastue stated a space has been dedicated, however, signage still needs to be installed.

Knol noted Loading Zone signs still need to be installed on Grand River in front of the Theatre.

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Discussion followed regarding the need for handicap parking near the shopping center that houses Dubin Optical.

Buck asked if the Traffic and Safety Board could lead a discussion with the business owners located on the north side of Grand River regarding employee parking.

Knol noted timed parking is already in place on the north side of the parking lot, but it is not being enforced.

Discussion followed regarding the approach to take with the property owners to encourage or enforce employee parking in specified locations away from the businesses.

Wiggins stated the City has taken the necessary step to enforce timed parking by first sending out a warning prior to issuing citations.

Discussion followed regarding the differing opinions of business owners regarding employee parking.

Knol noted the plan for timed parking was agreed upon by both Council and the DDA Board and should be enforced.

Pastue stated DDA Director Knowles is making an effort to seek parking alternatives.

Buck recommended meeting with the business owners to review the parking plan and request their support in enforcing it with their employees. He stated they should be advised that if their employees choose not to comply, the City will start to issue citations.

Responding to a question from Wiggins, Pastue stated the concept of the consolidated parking plan previously developed by Bob DeCorte could be revived.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**02-10-018** MOTION by Knol, seconded by Wiggins, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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J.T. (Tom) Buck, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: February 15, 2010