

Community Corner

This week's question: How do you feel about a proposed expansion and addition of a grocery store at Mulrwood Square?

We asked this question at the Mulrwood Square shopping center at Grand River and Drake in Farmington Hills.



"I think that it's wrong. They should have shopping centers with grocery stores all over the area for the seniors."
— Nancy Crain, Farmington resident



"I think it's great if they're going to expand it. We need something here to draw the people."
— Ed Grave, Gogo's Boutique



"We need it — the overall expansion, everything."
— Susan LaNora, Farmington resident



"I think if they want to expand, they should expand. If the economy's bad and the landlord wants to put money into it, I say that's OK."
— Paul Teresian, Artisan's Jewelry



"In a proposed expansion in 1989, we took no position. We may take a stand this time. We don't know yet."
— Gerald Kennedy, Hillside Estates Assn.



"I don't really know. It's good for their business, for them increase it."
— Stephen Friedman, Farmington Hills resident

CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Hartsock at 8:03 p.m. on January 6, 1992, in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

PRESENT: Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Richardson, Tupper.
OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Desmond, Director Lauboff, Director Billing, City Attorney Bonhoe, Adm. Assistant Schultz, City Clerk Blatney.

Minutes of the previous meeting of December 16, 1991, were approved as written.

Minutes of other boards were received and filed.

Council granted Oak Farms Market a one-year continuance of a cutout sign variance.

Council issued a proclamation designating January 20, 1992 as Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in Farmington.

Council concurred with the proposed changes in the senior citizen handicapped transportation program to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Council authorized Michigan Municipal League annual membership dues at \$4,950.00.

Council received and filed the Notice of Application for an SDM liquor license for Mr. B's of Farmington, Inc.

Council introduced the following ordinances:

- No. C-594-92, regulating drunk driving.
- No. C-595-92, regulating alcohol within a vehicle.
- No. C-596-92, regulating driving without a license.

Public comments and Council comments and announcements were heard.

Council received the General Fund and the 47th District Court financial reports for the five months ended November 30, 1991.

Council voted to add the Pledge of Allegiance to the Agenda effective February 3, 1992.

Council scheduled a special 7:00 p.m. session prior to the regular meeting of February 3, 1992.

Monthly bills were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
JOSEPHINE M. DUSHEY, City Clerk

Tupper demands travel cuts

By Casey Hans staff writer

Farmington city councilman Richard Tupper believes his city should limit the number of people it sends to an upcoming national conference, especially as the city looks at tightening its purse strings.

Tupper suggested only the mayor and city manager attend a National League of Cities conference in Washington, D.C. in March. Sending additional members, Tupper said, would make a junket out of it.

"I feel it's inappropriate for the entire city council to go," Tupper said. "I bring this up primarily because of the financial concerns. I just think it's prudent and justifiable

that we show our citizens... we are very careful about the way we spend our money."

Tupper got little support for his suggestion. Fellow council members said each person who attends benefits, and brings those experiences back to help run the city more effectively.

ALSO, it was noted that the entire council rarely goes to the NLC conference. Of the five-member council, four members attended last year and three the year before.

"I guess we've always left it up to each individual (to determine) if there's something that they can bring back to the city," said Mayor William Hartsock. "To restrict it to

just two people — I don't think that's effective either."

Hartsock said a decision should be made after the council views the NLC conference agenda.

Councilwoman Shirley Richardson said she attended her first NLC conference last year, while serving as the city's mayor.

"I think I benefited tremendously," she said. "It was the interaction I gained from meeting people from other states. I brought ideas back for our city."

NEWLY ELECTED councilman Arnold Campbell, who served a prior council term in 1985, also defended attending the conference, saying that "not everyone has the same interest. I don't think this council has ever abused this" and added that "I don't view it as any kind of junket."

Tupper said he has talked with people in other cities who "overwhelmingly" believe attendance to a national conference of this sort should be limited because of cutbacks cities face in coming years.

His comments came during a "public comment" section of a Jan. 6 city council meeting.

On an unrelated matter, Tupper also pushed for and won approval for the city council to add recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the beginning of each meeting agenda. Hartsock and Campbell voted against the measure, saying they believed hav-

ing a flag in the council chamber was enough and they did not see how adding the pledge as a ceremonial gesture could make the city any more patriotic.

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