

July 16, 2004

Hi Bev:

Sorry I hadn't gotten this to you sooner. The file was in the archives. And...not much in it. Sorry again.

It appears from the minutes that there had been conversation about making a few changes. A committee was formed and it was study and they presented 5 charter amendments on one ballot.

A public hearing was held on the proposed changes; I included the minutes – very vague.

Joan Reynolds was clerk then; I was the deputy. It passed. This was in 1985.

I could not find any city newsletter explaining the issue or any publications that we might have advertised this.

Hope this little bit helps. Good luck. I know we would hate to do a primary here.

As I mentioned on the phone, our candidates love this because they don't have to pay and run for two elections. We have had from 6 candidates to run for 3 spots to 15 – no issues. Top Vote getters get the spots.

Any questions, just call.

Thanks

Kathy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathy', written over the printed name 'Kathy'.

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PROOF BALLOT

TO VOTE, FIRMLY PUNCH OUT THE SMALL "BLACK DOT" ON THE CARD ABOVE THE NUMBER WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THE NUMBERS AT THE RIGHT OF THE CANDIDATE'S NAME OR "YES" OR "NO" OF EACH QUESTION.

PROPOSALS	PROPOSITION A CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CHARTER AMENDMENT					
	Shall Section 2.05 of the City Charter for the City of Farmington Hills be amended to provide that newly elected Council members shall take office at the first regularly scheduled Council meeting following certification of the election rather than on January 1, following the election?	<table border="1"><tr><td>YES</td><td>24</td></tr></table>	YES	24	→	4,735
	YES	24				
		<table border="1"><tr><td>NO</td><td>26</td></tr></table>	NO	26	→	1,291
	NO	26				
	PROPOSITION B CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CHARTER AMENDMENT					
	Shall the City Charter, Subsection C. of Section 2.08 relating to the filling of Council vacancies be amended to provide that vacancies to a Council position shall be filled at the next odd year general election rather than at the next November general election?	<table border="1"><tr><td>YES</td><td>29</td></tr></table>	YES	29	→	3,418
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		<table border="1"><tr><td>NO</td><td>31</td></tr></table>	NO	31	→	2,468
NO	31					
PROPOSITION C CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CHARTER AMENDMENT						
Shall the City Charter of the City of Farmington Hills, Sections 3.01.C. and 3.02.A. be amended to eliminate the need for a primary election for nomination of candidates to the City Council?	<table border="1"><tr><td>YES</td><td>35</td></tr></table>	YES	35	→	3,973	
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	<table border="1"><tr><td>NO</td><td>37</td></tr></table>	NO	37	→	1,992	
NO	37					

NOTICE
City Of Farmington Hills
Public Hearing
Proposed Charter
Amendments

June 24, 1985
7:30 P.M.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council will be considering the wording for proposed amendments to the City Charter at their regular meeting scheduled for Monday, June 24, 1985, at 7:30 p.m. as follows:—

- Section 2.05. Consideration of setting limit on City Council terms of office and allowing a newly elected Council member to take office as soon as practical after the election.
- Section 2.08. Consideration of setting all elections for Council member positions at the City odd-year election rather than the even-year general election.
- Section 3.01. Consideration of the elimination of the Primary Election for City Council candidates.
- Section 3.02. Consideration of elimination of requirement to resign from a City Board or Commission in order to run for City Council position.
- Section 7.06. Consideration of changes to be made to bring the Charter into compliance with State Law concerning the Board of Review.
- AND to consider any other suggested amendments that may come before the Council.

Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the proposed City Charter amendments. Copies of the current Charter text may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City of Farmington Hills, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Any written suggestions or comments received will also be considered at this hearing.

JoAn Reynolds
City Clerk

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d. Consideration of Road Vacation 5-1985 to vacate Rexwood Road between Highview and Greening in Section 2. CMR 6-85-107.

Mr. Costick said staff has reviewed this proposed vacation and all of the appropriate facilities have been notified. A full width easement is recommended for private and public utilities, and the contingency that the proponent extend the watermain from the existing location on Rexwood toward Highview and place a fire hydrant in the Highview Avenue right-of-way, and that the proponent provide an approved driveway for the home located on parcel 104-004. Staff is recommending approval with the above mentioned conditions.

The public hearing was opened.

Tom, Don and Robert Langan, owners of Norwest Lanes and Pizza Parlor, and the proponents of this vacation, asked who would pay for all of these things that are proposed. Mayor Dolan explained that this is to be done at their expense and that Rexwood would not be vacated until this is done.

The public hearing was closed.

MOTION by Soronen, support by Alkateeb, to approve the vacation of that portion of Rexwood Road as outlined in City Manager's Report CMR 6-85-107, contingent upon the proponent for this vacation providing an approved driveway acceptable by the City of Farmington Hills Engineering Division and the homeowner to Highview Avenue for the home located on Parcel 104-004; and

FURTHER, contingent upon the proponent for this vacation extending the watermain from the existing location on Rexwood toward Highview Avenue and placing a fire hydrant in the Highview Avenue right-of-way in accordance with the City Engineering Division and Fire Department standards; and

FURTHER, RESOLVE that a full width easement be maintained in this vacated area for private and public utilities.

Motion carried 6-0 (Mr. Marks stepped out of the room and did not vote on this matter).

★ e. Public Hearing - Consideration of proposed amendments to City Charter.

Mayor Dolan explained the Council has proposed the following Charter Amendments which will go on the ballot for the general election in November:

Section 2.05. Consideration of setting limit on City Council terms of office and allowing a newly elected Council member to take office as soon as practical after the election.

- Section 2.08. Consideration of setting all elections for Council member positions at the City odd-year election rather than the even-year general election.
- Section 3.01. Consideration of the elimination of the Primary Election for City Council candidates.
- Section 3.02. Consideration of elimination of requirement to resign from a City Board or Commission in order to run for City Council position.
- Section 7.06. Consideration of changes to be made to bring the Charter into compliance with State Law concerning the Board of Review.

Mayor Dolan opened the floor to the public for comments and/or any other suggested amendments to the Charter.

Robert McConnell, Chairman of the Charter Commission, said he feels it is always good to review the City Charter and make revisions when appropriate. He doesn't see a problem in allowing the newly elected Council member to take office immediately after certification. With regard to restricting the term of office, he pointed out that this City, and before that the Township, has been well served by quite a few honorable citizens who have contributed much. He suggested that this right of the citizens to serve more than two terms on the City Council not be restricted.

In regard to the filling of a vacancy, Mr. McConnell said the Charter Commission gave a lot of thought about the appointment in the case of a vacancy and the idea and thoughts at that time was to give the electorate the chance to vote on that appointee at the next immediate general election. Mr. McConnell said that is the reason for the words "even year or odd year." He suggested that this not be amended.

With regard to the requirement that a member of a City Board or Commission must resign in order to run for City Council, Mr. McConnell said this was also given a lot of thought by the Charter Commission and the fact that an appointed official would have an unfair advantage in an election over someone else who is not that well known. He suggested that the original thinking on this matter be maintained.

Mr. McConnell said he sees no problem with bringing the Charter into compliance with State Law concerning the Board of Review. He said in regard to the elimination of the Primary, this could cause a "bed sheet ticket" and with the current electronic voting system, this could pose a problem.

Massie Kurzeja said she would agree to setting a limit of allowing Council members to hold two consecutive terms, but would not be opposed to a Council member running again at a later date.

Floyd Cairns spoke in opposition to limiting the terms of office and said that he feels the public should have the right to vote for people who they feel have been doing a good job.

After discussion by the Council, it was determined to remove the limiting of terms of office and have the City Attorney prepare the appropriate wording for the proposed amendments to the City Charter for the November 1985 ballot.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Consideration of request from Jean Riecker for transfer of ownership of 1984 Class C licensed business with Dance Permit located at 30859 West Ten Mile Road, Farmington Hills, from J. Robert Langan (formerly Colonel Clickers Cricket Club).

Jean Riecker was present. Mayor Dolan asked Mrs. Riecker if she has licenses in other cities. Mrs. Riecker said "no, this is my first one." Mayor Dolan asked Mrs. Riecker if she will be the sole owner of this license and Mrs. Riecker said "yes."

Mr. Bibeau asked Mrs. Riecker if she has had any previous restaurant experience. Mrs. Riecker said she has been a waitress for the past ten years and has ability to deal with the public.

Mrs. Soronen asked Mrs. Riecker her plans. Mrs. Riecker said she plans to have a sports bar and a businessmen's lunch in lieu of entertainment at this time. She said at a later date, she may add a 50-60's disco on Friday and Saturday night.

MOTION by Marks, support by Alkateeb, to approve the request for the transfer of the Class C Liquor License with Dance Permit, located at 30859 West Ten Mile Road, Farmington Hills, from J. Robert Langan to Jean Riecker. Motion carried 5-0 (Mrs. Dudley stepped out of the room and did not vote on this motion. Mr. Wolf left the meeting and did not return).

b. Consideration of request from Borislav Mihajlowski to drop Dragutin Stevanovich as partner in 1985 Class C licensed business located at 24234 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. (Pumperniks)

Mr. Mihajlowski was present and said he bought his partner out of the business and would like to have his name removed from the license.

The mayor opened the floor to Harold Waack, 22511 Violet, Farmington, who requested to speak on this issue.

Mr. Waack said this Class C liquor license is the security for a debt owed and they are requesting the security be left as it is. He said he has no objections to dropping Mr. Stevanovich from the license but just wanted the Council to be aware that this license is being held in security.

MOTION by Marks, support by Alkateeb, to approve the request from Borislav Mihajlowski to Dragutin Stevanovich as partner in 1985 Class C licensed business located at 24234 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Motion carried 5-0-1 with Mr. Williams abstaining because of a client relationship.