

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, June 18, 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 7:00 p.m. by Mayor McShane.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: City Clerk Halberstadt, City Manager Pastue.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

06-07-114 MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by Knol, to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTATION – NANCY COUMOUNDOROUS

Present: Nancy Coumoundouros, Beverly Ellis, Haroune Alameddine, Jim McGlincy and Marion Middlebrooks

Nancy Coumoundorous, Cultural Arts Supervisor, discussed a number of activities in which the Commission has participated in over the last year. She noted the success of the Youth Theatre, Arts Camp and Concert series. She expressed hope that the 2008 millage renewal would provide additional funds for the arts. She stated a survey will be sent out in the near future to determine the expectations of the community regarding the arts program.

Coumoundorous expressed the need for a performing arts center in the community. She noted the limited space available to accommodate the many arts programs.

Commission member Haroune Alameddine noted the good fortune of our community to have a culturally diverse population and thanked Council for their support of the Commission.

Coumoundorous announced this year Art on the Grand would include workshops conducted by the Detroit Art Institute.

Councilmember Knol recognized the great job Ms. Coumoundorous and the Commission are doing. She expressed the importance of collaboration with other organizations in finding venues for the arts programs.

Discussion followed regarding an appropriate venue for the arts programs. Coumoundorous noted the Cultural Arts Division is not looking for a large venue, but

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rather a reasonable, multipurpose facility. She stated the Farmington/Farmington Hills community has incredible potential for being the center for community arts in this area.

Commission member Jim McGlincy stated the Commission endeavors to collaborate where possible, noting a recent meeting with Oakland Community College regarding sharing space.

Councilmember Wright expressed his gratitude to the Commission for all of their efforts. He asked if the Civic Theatre could be used as a possible venue. Coumoundorous identified some of the problems with using the Civic, but noted they have held performances there.

Discussion followed regarding changes in Art on the Grand at the Founders Festival.

Councilmember Buck stated the community is very proud of the efforts put forth by the Commission.

Responding to a question from Mayor McShane, Coumoundorous stated the Cultural Arts Division employs three part-time people, but is looking to employ a full-time person in next year's budget.

Discussion followed regarding enhancement of "Art in the Corridor" in Farmington City Hall and placement of art throughout the Downtown area to promote its walkability.

Discussion ended with the importance of "getting the word out" on the needs of the Commission relative to the 2008 millage renewal.

BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEW

Library Board of Directors – Gerald Bosler

Interview was delayed to a later date.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was heard.

COUNCIL COMMENT

No Council comment was heard.

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ADJOURNMENT

06-07-115 MOTION by Wright, seconded by Knol, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

JoAnne M. McShane, Mayor

Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: July 16, 2007