

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, June 16, 2008, 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 6:34 p.m. by Mayor Knol.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Buck, Knol, McShane, Wiggins, Wright (arrived 6:55 p.m.).

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**06-08-103** MOTION by Wiggins, seconded by McShane, to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BOARD AND COMMISSION INTERVIEWS**

Council interviewed Kenneth Crutcher and Miriam Kmetzo for positions on boards and commissions.

**ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTATION**

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

Nancy Coumoundouros provided an update on activities of the Arts Commission including: opening of the amphitheatre in Heritage Park; and summer art and theatre camps.

Jim McGlincy stated the Commission is undertaking a project to catalogue all public art in the Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Paul Huyck discussed the activities of the Millage Committee which is working to inform the public regarding the Recreation Millage Renewal proposal on the August 2008 ballot.

Councilmember McShane asked if there is anything new for "Art in the Park" for this years Founders Festival. Ms. Coumoundouros responded the exhibit has a full slate of vendors and a number of performers including a live statue.

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McShane asked about the possibility of an Artist Guild in downtown Farmington. Ms. Coumoundouros responded there are enough artists in the community to support a guild.

Discussion followed regarding the merit of an Artist Guild in Farmington and its impact on the downtown.

Councilmember Buck expressed his interest in the Commission's project to catalogue community art in order to clearly define what art is in Farmington. He stated he would like to see more art throughout the City.

Ms. Coumoundouros suggested finding grant money to acquire more art and recommended contacting artists for their creative ideas. She stated successful public art programs in cities are supported by a dedicated millage.

Discussion followed regarding the status of a proposed performing arts center.

Haroune Alameddine thanked Council for their continued support.

Ms. Coumoundouros indicated Farmington still has an opening on the Arts Commission. She noted it is very unique to have a successful cultural arts division in our community.

Responding to a question from Councilmember McShane concerning status of the Arts Council, Ms. Coumoundouros stated the Council is always looking for more volunteers. She then spoke about the partnership between the Arts Commission and the Arts Council for the Festival of the Arts. She noted they are considering restructuring the festival including making the gala an every other year event. She would like to focus on the Friday night event and the Sunday Family Festival.

Discussion followed regarding placement of art in the community and enlisting the help of the Arts Commission.

Mr. Huyck noted in the recent Farmington Hills Sustainability Study a need for public art in the community was cited.

Mayor Knol and Council thanked the Commission members for their efforts and noted how much they add to the quality of life in Farmington.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Council concurred to set a special meeting on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 a.m. to interview candidates for boards and commissions.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

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**COUNCIL COMMENT**

Councilmember Buck noted the education booth at the Farmers Market has been receiving a lot of questions regarding the Streetscape Project and suggested it would be a plus if Councilmembers were able to schedule some time in the booth to answer questions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**06-08-104** MOTION by McShane, seconded by Wiggins, to adjourn the meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Valerie S. Knol, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

APPROVED: July 21, 2008