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Opinions asked on projects

By Joanne Mallazowski
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If you have an opinion about which capital improvement projects should be financed, the Farmington Hills City Council wants to hear from you during a public hearing scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 7.

The council wants to know which projects residents consider necessary and would be willing to pay for before officials adopt the city's six-year capital improvement plan and determine how to pay for top priority projects.

PREPARED BY the planning commission, the six-year plan includes projects like a new police building, drainage, sanitary sewers, sidewalks, roads, and equipment purchases, for example.

The plan also includes methods of financing the estimated \$12.6 million program.

Rather than delving into the entire six-year plan and its accompanying price tag, city staff "felt that any such plan must be politically viable and should meet, at least at a minimum, the urgent needs facing the city," said City Manager Lawrence Savage.

The council scheduled the public hearing after deciding the first step would be to adopt the capital improvements plan and then determine financing as budget time draws nearer.

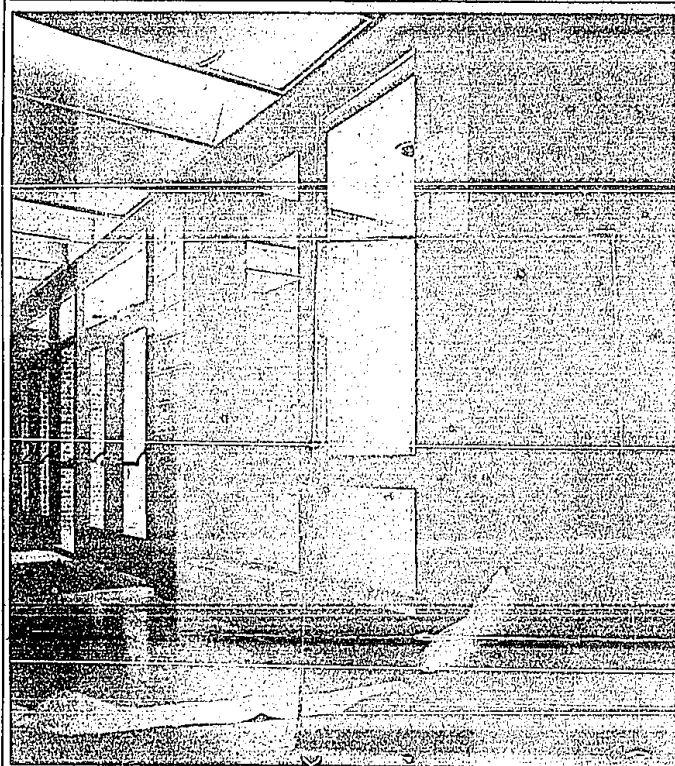
The council is required by state law to adopt the 1984-85 budget by early June.

CONCERNING THAT "there are politics involved," Councilwoman Joan Dudley requested the public hearing to hear the public's idea of what projects "in this plan are worth funding."

While the planning commission included projects which were considered absolutely necessary for the city's development, city staff whittled down the plan to a list of the most urgently needed projects that would be "more palatable" to taxpayers, Savage said.

The alternate program developed by city staff anticipates a voter approved millage of up to 1.25 mills for 18 years.

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After removing this plexiglass window next to thieves carried out computers and other school equipment from the main entrance at Harrison High School.

NANDY BORST/staff photographer

Theft stops Harrison for a day

By Steve Barnaby
editor

While Farmington Hills police continue to investigate the weekend burglary of Harrison High School, classes are back on schedule at the 1,200 student facility.

"I'm very proud. Everything is back to operation. We're open and going full blast," said Superintendent Lewis Schulman on Tuesday, the day after the burglary was discovered.

Monday morning school personnel discovered the facility had been burglarized over the weekend. Principal James Geiger immediately decided to close the school for the day so police could launch an investigation.

"At 7:10 a.m. I decided to close school. The police didn't want people in the building," said Geiger.

THE STUDENTS' day off also allowed teaching personnel to assess damage and missing property which, when totaled, amounted to \$51,114, according to Schulman. The school chief lauded police officials for their quick work which allowed school to open on Tuesday.

"The police really went to work. They rushed in and did the job quickly," he said.

Items stolen were seven Apple II computers, three word processors, four computerized typewriters, five electric typewriters and two microscopes.

Officials have yet to establish the monetary damage from broken glass and locks, said Schulman.



"We haven't had problems in the last couple of years. But this could happen any weekend."

— James Geiger
Harrison principal

DESPITE THE stolen equipment, classes were back to normal on Tuesday. Equipment was shifted from various areas throughout the district, said Schulman, to ensure that classes continued.

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Stolen money orders turn up in area

At least two of almost 200 reported stolen money orders, issued by a Dallas-based firm, have shown up in the Farmington area.

Pat Mauldin of the Associates Financial Express in Dallas said a boxful of

money orders en route to a Detroit store are "missing in the mail."

"All have been stolen and should not be honored," Mauldin said. "Anyone who does have them should call the local police in their area."

According to Mauldin, the money orders are written on the Dallas firm's clearing bank, Community State Bank in Salem, Ill. The serial numbers of the stolen money orders range from 91-350-700 through 91-300-890.

ANYONE WHO believes he may have accepted one or more of these money orders should call the police or the Dallas firm at 1 (800) 527-5880.

Meanwhile, a Farmington Hills resident who refused to be identified said

he accepted two of the money orders from a woman who in late March purchased a video recorder he advertised in the "Trading Times."

The Hills resident later found out he was unable to cash the money orders.

Temple hears rivals on Palestinian peace

By Jean Adamczek
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The contention by a Palestinian activist that Palestinians only want to live in peace with Israelis met with murmurs of dissent this week at Farmington Hills Birmingham Temple.

The protest arose during the Monday evening debate between Mordochai Bar-on and Mohammed Milhem, which was attended by nearly 250 persons.

Milhem's remark came on the heels of the Monday morning Palestinian terrorist attack in Jerusalem which wounded 48 persons.

"I don't like to see men, women and children murdered. It's against human

nature," said Milhem, a Palestinian and former West Bank mayor, who was expelled from office by order of the Israeli government.

BAR-ON, A former assistant to Moshe Dayan, denounced the bombing. "What took place this morning was cruel, wicked but foremost a stupid act," he said.

This attack highlights two conflicting attitudes which exist in both camps, said Bar-on.

"We have to go to the root of the problem in order to attack the problem," Milhem said. "The Israelis can solve the problem now if they recog-

nize a solution with the Palestinians," he added.

Bar-on took another slant on solving the conflict.

"THE REST answer to end violence is to persist in talking and to accommodate each other's rights," Bar-on said.

"The conflict between Palestinians and Israelis is a 'zero sum' conflict," he

said. "Anything I win, you lose; and anything you win, I lose."

The zero sum conflict must be rejected, Bar-on said, because there is no chance for any reconciliation.

Violence and danger cannot be used to solve the conflict, Bar-on said. War isn't always to achieve what you want to achieve, he explained.

Milhem agreed.

"WE HAVE been dealing and trying to find peace wrongly," Milhem said. Terrorism is an incorrect approach, he said.

Bar-on said in order for both sides to get to negotiation talks, they must agree to sit down together.

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oral quarrel

What should schools do about security?

This past weekend Harrison High School was broken into and more than \$40,000 worth of computers, electronic typewriters and microscopes were stolen. Presently, police officials are investigating the theft which forced closure of the school Monday.

Today's Oral Quarrel question is: WHAT ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES DO YOU THINK

SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PROTECT FARMINGTON SCHOOLS FROM THIEVES?

To answer this question call 477-1228. Your call will have until 1 p.m. to answer.

Look in Monday's edition of the Farmington Observer to see how your neighbors feel about this issue.



As the audience at the Birmingham Temple listened, a panel debated how peace could be achieved between the Palestinians and the Is-

NANDY BORST/staff photographer

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