



Carrington Place Apartments for Seniors are at the northeast corner of Freedom and Drake roads.

Complex eyes tax break

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Instead of paying property taxes. Councilman Ben Marks was absent.

Some council members aren't satisfied that they have all the answers. Mayor Jean Fox and councilman Terry Sever opposed the introduction. Fox said she had "a problem with the way this has come about" because the tax-exempt status wasn't requested before construction.

"I'm trying to determine who's benefitting and why," Sever said. "This was not directed from the beginning. Now we're trying to give a tax break to make it (Carrington Place) work." Sever requested more information.

"This isn't entirely selfless. I don't want to fool you or anybody else," Yaker said. The hope is that investors, who have about \$500,000 in the project, "may come out whole," he added.

WHEN THE development opened in August 1989, the "market was very soft." When rents were decreased to \$575 for a one-bedroom in November, "response

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Improved." As of Dec. 1, the development had 27 signed leases, though not all apartments are occupied yet, said Robert McQuaid, Baptist Manor senior housing executive director. Baptist Manor manages Carrington Place.

Based on the development's \$1.2 million state equalized value, Carrington's annual property taxes would be about \$68,000. The payment the city council would be willing to accept in lieu of taxes is a percentage of the development's income from the low and moderate rents.

The city council can choose between 4, 6, 8 or 10 percent of the income from sheltered rents. At the requested 4 percent, the Carr-

ington partners would make an annual \$17,589 payment in 1990 in lieu of taxes.

"It would reduce everyone's portion of taxes by about two-thirds," City Manager William Costick said. That means that each taxing unit would get a portion of the more than \$17,000. Farmington Hills would get approximately \$3,000-\$4,000, Costick said.

WHETHER THAT would cover the cost of city services to the development and its tenants is uncertain. The 4 percent payment included in the ordinance introduction is expected to be discussed further in March.

"I don't think we have a glut of tax-exempt property in Farmington Hills. I think there is a need for this," councilman Lawrence Lichtman said, who supported the requested 4 percent payment.

Some council members said they would prefer the proposed low-income housing to be restricted to Farmington Hills residents or their parents. That's not allowed with MSHPA financing.

Costick contract extended

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and president-elect of the Michigan City Managers Association.

"I'm proud and happy to have someone so highly regarded in the state of Michigan," councilman Terry Sever said. Reflecting on the past decade, Costick said that despite problems with rapid growth, "we've done a lot of good things. I'm proud to be a part of that."

"We've been able to maintain and preserve a good deal of the character of Farmington Hills that still makes it a good place to live," he said.

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Bill would aid epilepsy victims

An estimated 90,000 Michigan residents suffering from epilepsy would be better protected from employment discrimination under legislation introduced in the state House, said state Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills.

ers' liability in case of work-related injuries. The provision covers workers with heart, back, epileptic or diabetic conditions.

"House Bill 5503, which I support, amends the Worker's Disability Compensation Act to include people suffering from certified seizure disorders," she said.

However, many epileptics are ineligible because physicians diagnose them as having "convulsive" or "seizure" disorders rather than epilepsy to help the sufferers avoid the stigma sometimes associated with the word.

The Workers' Disability Compensation Act gives employers incentives to hire vocationally handicapped people by limiting employ-

"The expanded definition of eligible participants will encourage employers to hire people with epilepsy," Dolan said.

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Flanagan gives dream talk

Farmington school superintendent Michael Flanagan will speak at a public forum Thursday, offering his views for the future of education in the district.

Flanagan's address, "My Dreams for This District," will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Harrison High School cafeteria.

Thursday's event is one of several informational meetings sponsored each year by the School/Community Forum, a parent network organized by the district.

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Undertake this treatment for 4-5 days; then begin to use the wrap for only half a day. If the ankle remains sound, discontinue the wrap completely.

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