

Oliverio tops Hills spending

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Farmington Hills City Council candidate Cheryl Oliverio, who won last week's election, brought plenty of campaign experience to her first run for the council, and plenty of money.

Candidates for the Farmington Hills City Council campaigned in different ways and varied in how much they were willing, or able, to spend. All six candidates filed with the county on time as required by law.

Oliverio, who had managed two unsuccessful campaigns for her husband Ron and the district judgeship campaign of Jack McDonald, spent \$7,606.49 of the \$10,625 raised by the Friends for Cheryl Oliverio. She had the biggest war chest by far.

But Oliverio, along with her stockbroker husband, put her money where her mouth was. The couple contributed a total of \$9,500 to the campaign. The remaining \$1,025 came for the most part in contributions of \$10 to \$50. Sharon McDonald, wife of Jack and a teacher in the Clarensville Schools, gave \$200 to Oliverio's campaign and businessman Roy Linderhart of Farmington Hills contributed \$100.

Lichtman, who won his third two-year term, spent \$4,855.33 of the \$7,004.81 raised by the Committee to Re-elect Lawrence A. Lichtman.

The largest contribution (\$1,000) came from Lichtman's

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father, former Mayor Fred Lichtman. Most of the other contributions were for \$25 to \$50. Larger contributors to Lichtman's campaign included: James Galbraith of Waterford, \$250; James Jonna of Bingham Farms, Lichtman's law firm of Butzel Long, Janet Lekas of Orchard Lake, Peter Jonna of Farmington Hills, Gary S. Jonna of Farmington Hills, Chris Alligan of Orchard Village, \$150; David Berry of Bloomfield Hills, Sidney Cohn of West Bloomfield, Erwin Simon of Huntington Woods, Robert Brown of Farmington Hills, Frank S. Judith of Farmington Hills, Gordon Mejer of Farmington Hills, Harold and Janet Larson of Farmington Hills, Antonio Foglia of Birmingham, Arkan Jonna of Bloomfield Township, Halthem Saraia of Farmington Hills, Joseph Saraia of Farmington Hills and Victor Saroki of Farmington Hills each contributed \$100.

Vagnozzi's contributors for the most part gave \$25 to \$50. The former mayor gave the Vagnozzi for Council Committee \$400 and his wife Lois gave \$417.

Larger contributions came from the UAW/Oakland County Politi-

cal Action Committee, \$300; Gerald and Carol Freedman of Farmington Hills, Michael Shieles of Farmington Hills, Gerald Surowiec of Farmington Hills, Margo and Scott Colburn of Farmington Hills, Elaine Harris of Farmington Hills, Elizabeth Gordon of Farmington Hills, Mark Brewer of Mt. Clemens, Ingrid Goldbaum of Farmington Hills, Bill and Sheila Ellman of Farmington Hills, Sid and Mariette Simon of Farmington Hills, Ron Oliverio of Farmington Hills, Robert Jurczyk of Farmington Hills, and Roy and L. Lindhart of Farmington Hills, \$100 each.

The Committee to Elect Jon Grant raised \$3,542.66 and spent \$2384.67 through Oct. 17.

Most contributors were for \$25 to \$50. Larger contributors included: Mary Jo Stemple of Livonia, \$150; Karen Nixon-Lane of Farmington Hills, Norma E. Gladden of Farmington Hills, Mark L. Plymer of Farmington Hills, Henry A. Nickol of Farmington Hills, Therese R. Hand of Farmington Hills, Lorraine C. Burton of Farmington

Hills, Robert B. Sellers of Bloomfield Hills, Kathleen Bryant of Redford and councilwoman Joanne E. Smith, \$100 each.

The Ben Marks for Farmington Hills Committee reported \$3,730 in campaign contributions for Aug. 31 to Oct. 22 and spent \$3,144.31.

Most contributions were in the \$25 to \$50 range. Larger contributions were: Rita Milen and Joan Ecker, both of Edina, Minn., and Mark Sturing of Novi gave \$200; Javant Desai of West Bloomfield, Gordon Meyers of Farmington, Marjorie Marks of Huntington Woods, Emanuel Ravet of Southfield, and R. Wryzkowski of Roseville each gave \$100.

The Committee to Elect Vincent Lorelli raised \$1,391.92, all from family, friends and the candidate and spent \$1,301.92. Enrico and Vella Lorelli each contributed \$250, Vincent Lorelli contributed \$641.92 to his own cause and business partner Tom Milosevich contributed \$250.

Oliverio, whose 8-by-4 foot sign dwarfed most others, spent \$1,776.49 for them compared to \$482.10 for Vagnozzi, who used smaller signs within residential areas. But Vagnozzi and Marks didn't scrimp on mailings. Vagnozzi spent \$2,571.58 and Marks spent \$2,583.71 for mailing costs. Lichtman spent \$2,008.93. Grant spent \$1,651.20, Oliverio spent \$1,778.23 and Lorelli spent \$681 on mailing costs.

ON THE AGENDA

Below are highlights from the agendas of meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public. Farmington Hills City Council
Farmington Hills City Hall
474-8115
7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25
Agenda items include:

- Swearing in of newly elected city council members.
- Consideration of determination of special assessment district for water main installation for Northwestern Highway, from 32550 Northwestern to 776 feet southeast of 14 Mile Road, and notice of intent to issue bonds and declaration of official intent to reimburse project with bond proceeds.
- Consideration of consent judgment for Computware.

Consideration of introduction of ordinance to amend the city code, electrical code, to provide for examination, licensure and registration.

Consideration of a request from Mayor Bates to formalize the creation of the Commission on Children and Families.

Consideration of approval of designating a legislative coordinator to the Michigan Municipal League for 1994.

Consideration of approval of design and construction of a congestion stand/comfort station and designation of funding and approval of construction for water and sewer extension for Founder's Sports Park.

Viewers can connect with TV show

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Bush

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what was originally a five-person race.

However, their withdrawals were not in time to have their names removed from the ballot. Russell Buyers received 212 votes; Tom Lyczekowski 142.

That left three active candidates for three seats in an election

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that had few burning issues. Low voter turnout made things interesting.

Incumbent Arnold Campbell was the top vote-getter with 945, only 37 more than both Bush and Tupper.

The bottom line: Every vote counts even when it might not seem it matters.

There was heightened suspense during Thursday's Board of Canvassers meeting. Bush and Tupper watched as members carefully checked poll books and vote counts certifying the election.

The canvassers set Friday as the date for the tie breaker.

"I've been here 38 years; it's been a first for me," said board member Retta Messhammer, who served as an election official in Detroit before moving to Farmington. "I've seen it all except this."

Alton Bennett joined William Liba and Blosshammer for the special session at 12:30 p.m. Bennett held out three quarters in his hand, one of which was picked to be used in a coin toss.

The coin turned up heads, leaving Bush to pick first. Tupper promptly followed.

"I'm shaking. I can't believe it," Bush said afterward.

"We're glad it's over with," Tupper said.

For Tupper, it will be his sixth term as a council member. He's served three four-year terms. This will be his third two-year stint.

Tupper was sworn in after the drawing. He will not be at the Nov. 15 council meeting when Bush and Campbell take the oath.

"I want to make sure I got sworn in," Tupper said. "Otherwise, council would have to extend me the time, and I'm not sure they would."

Bush said she's looking forward to Nov. 15, despite the fact she'll miss opening day of deer-hunting season.

"There was a little bit of anxiety," Bush said about waiting for the draw. "When Russ Buyers dropped out, I had people saying to me, 'Mary you're in. Mary you're in.'"

"When they would say that, I'd say 'It's not over until it's over.'"

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