

Roger Walker

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"If we had an imaginative city council, we could help stimulate business and growth and development," Walker said.

That's why Walker, who is chairman of the city's Board of Review, always thinks its time for a change in city government.

"It is good to have a change. It is good to have new people participating if they are qualified."

"I don't like to see government so entrenched that they are automatically back in office each year."

But even so, Walker says he is pleased with the type and quantity of services provided for the tax dollars residents pay. "We have good police, good security, there is no reason to criticize the management of the city."

But Walker contends that with his long list of experience in civic activ-

ties such as legislative coordinator for the Farmington Elks Club and former chairman of the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce's public affairs committee, he "wouldn't hesitate to speak out when necessary. I've been around long enough to know I am a long-standing member of the community and have the background and experience to make a substantial improvement to city government."

Besides developing Farmington's business area, Walker also would like to see some improvements on the city's neighborhood roads. But as with senior citizen housing, Walker says he doesn't support projects "that show up in tax bills."

Walker is opposed to allowing the Farmington Public Library system to levy its own taxes for operation. That type of system, he said, allows an organization to spend as they please.

Gerald Lynch

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public office that won't give them the time of day."

In encouraging Farmington residents to participate in city government, Lynch said he would ask apartment and condominium residents to attend council meetings because "they are as much citizens as homeowners (are). They can contribute to the city government as much as a homeowner."

A 1971 Michigan State University graduate in criminal justice, Lynch said he would like to see stronger efforts made to hold on to senior Farmington public safety officers. "It takes two-to-three years of duplication (training and experience) to raise a new employee to the level of the person who has left."

Living in Farmington since 1977, Lynch said he has no squabble with the level of services provided, particularly for the taxes property owners pay. He applauds the Farmington public safety officers' good response time in emergencies.

If elected, Lynch promised to continue efforts to install a traffic light near Farmington Place so senior citizens can safely cross Grand River Ave. He also said he would find out why the entrance to Farmington from M-102 was closed.

"I'll try to get it reopened to facilitate shoppers in and out of Farmington," said Lynch.

Lynch, who with "14 years of municipal experience knows what works and doesn't work in government," is married and has one son.

Ronald Oglesby

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and represents about half of the city employees "... so I am very cognizant of what is happening." Oglesby also points to his legal education as a

useful asset on the City Council. He claims such education has taught him to approach a problem analytically, and to research and consider all solutions.

Voters to decide question

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ment system or to residents' tax bills. In fact, the city council cannot reduce retirement benefits at all, according to state law.

"The charter provisions we are recommending do not change the level of benefits," Deadman said. "There is no intent at this time to change anything (in benefit levels). The contracts prevail."

Even if voters turn down the proposed charter change, he said, the employee retirement system's life continues as it has simply because the courts decided the pension plan may be adjusted by work contract.

This is how the ballot question to change the city charter will appear at the polls. If you agree with the proposed change, vote yes. If not, vote no.

SHALL CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3.11B, OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON BE AMENDED TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR CITY EMPLOYEES BE SET OUT IN DETAIL IN CITY ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR CHANGES IN BENEFITS AND OTHER NECESSARY AMENDMENTS WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF AMENDING THE CHARTER?

Ralph Yoder

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COMPARING THE delivery of Farmington's services such as police, fire and garbage collection, to other communities, Yoder added, "I think our services are adequate."

Senior citizen housing and continuation of SEMTA bus services in Farmington are two of Yoder's concerns. "One of my finer accomplishments," Yoder said, is the Farmington Place senior citizen complex.

"We all faced quite a bit of opposition," he said, adding he feels more senior citizen housing is needed. "But we felt it (Farmington Place) was needed."

A member of the city employees retirement board of directors, Yoder says he agrees with amending the city charter so provisions of the employee pension plan are controlled by ordinance rather than by charter.

Bill Hartsock

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Hartsock says he would like to see both the Farmington business community and city officials "get involved in attracting new businesses and serving existing businesses." The business community, he said, should receive the same city services residents receive. Ordinances should be tailored to serve both the residential and business community equally "so both sections live in harmony."

In addition, Hartsock said, the city manager and council members must act as "goodwill ambassadors" outlining the benefits of doing business in Farmington. "But in offering business special consideration, 'there really isn't anything,' except for the Economic Development Corporation, he said.

Tax exemption certificates, which are offered in other nearby communities, don't work in Farmington because the city is too small, Hartsock said.

"It has too much of a negative impact (on the tax rolls)," he added.

But, he said, Farmington can offer business three pluses: "Location, location and location."

Hartsock is interested in installing a traffic signal at Farmington Place and in continuing to voice concern over cuts in SEMTA bus service in Farmington.

He also believes in cooperating with officials in adjacent and nearby communities because "collectively we can do a lot of things."

Although a certified public accountant by profession, Hartsock is starting a new business that distributes micro-computers. He holds both a bachelor's degree and bachelor of business administration from Eastern Michigan University.

Hartsock is married and has one son.

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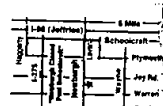
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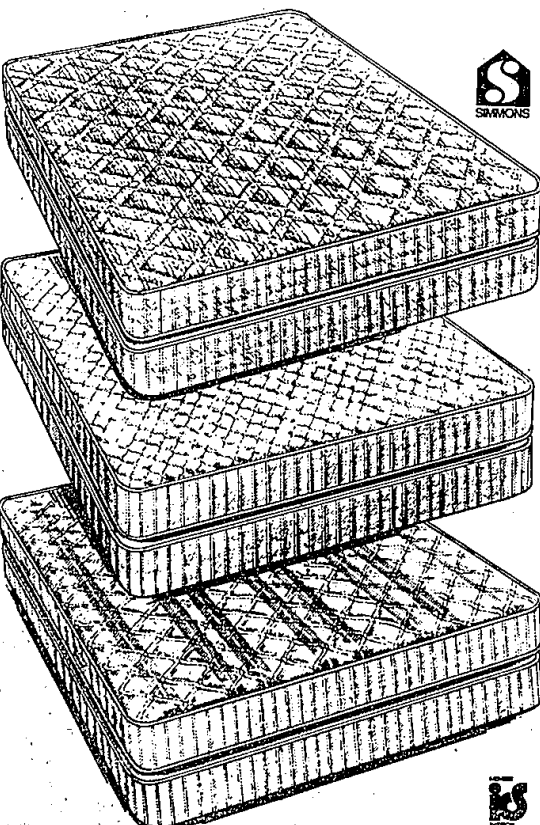


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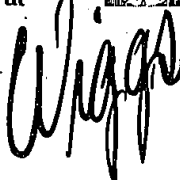


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