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Williams to Dudley: 'Shut up'

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Councilwoman Joan Dudley and Mayor Charles Williams squared off this week over voting procedure in a widening political clash within the Farmington Hills City Council.

Dudley lashed out at Williams after he suggested the council go to a back room to decide who would select a council replacement.

"If that wasn't a public session, we'd go into a back room and flip a coin or split a deck," Williams said.

Dudley retorted that the voting would remain open, despite Williams' remark.

EARLIER, WILLIAMS had suggested a five-minute break. But Dudley objected.

"I would hope there would be no caucusing of members during this break," she said. Selecting a council re-

placement must be done in public, according to Michigan law.

The council was interviewing 19 candidates to replace Fred Hughes, who resigned his council seat to take a job promotion in New Jersey.

Ever since January when Dudley rejoined council, the tension between Dudley and Williams has increased. Several times, they have clashed over issues.

While touting candidate Terry Sever's qualifications, particularly his standing in last November's election, Williams said Monday the consistent tie votes only showed that council members were choosing candidates based on their own "liberal" or "conservative" political feelings.

BUT WHEN Dudley complained about Williams' description of several tie votes over the vacancy, Williams shouted back "Shut up."

When Williams finished his com-

ments, Dudley asked the mayor to describe liberal and conservative.

"Yes, I'd like to define liberal and conservative," Williams said, adding that liberals are people "who want to build higher and spend more money."

"You speak for your policies Mr. Mayor, and I'll speak for mine," Dudley shouted back.

When questioning candidate Maszke Kurzeja, who made it past the council's first round of candidate interviews, Williams asked whether she considered herself a liberal or a conservative.

"I see myself as a liberal Republican and a conservative Democrat," Kurzeja responded.

LATER, WHEN council members seemingly were unable to decide upon candidate Sever or Robert Anzlovor, who was finally appointed, Williams commented that the council had already been admonished "not to twist any arms."

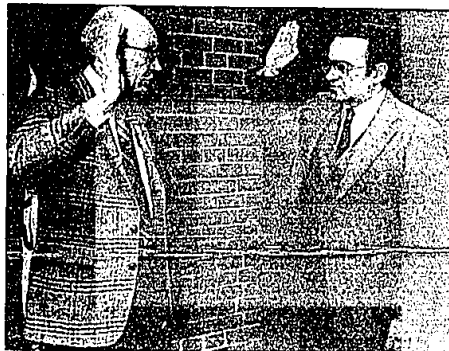
Although council members had an opportunity to question each of the candidates interviewed, Dudley and Wolf dominated questioning.

Dudley asked candidates whether they would run for election in November, whether they believed they were close-minded on any particular issue and if, and why the candidate never ran for election before.

Wolf, on the other hand, questioned candidates on whether they would seek voter approval to raise city taxes, even up to the city charter's maximum 10 mills.

COUNCILWOMEN JODI Soronen and Jan Dolan remained relatively quiet during the question-and-answer period. Before Dolan cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of Anzlovor, however, she heavily questioned both he and Sever during a second round of questioning.

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RANDY BOHST/staff photographer

Farmington Hills City Clerk Floyd Cairns (left) swears in newly appointed Councilman Robert Anzlovor.

Anzlovor tapped for city council

By Joanne Maliszewski
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Newly appointed Councilman Robert Anzlovor and unsuccessful council candidate Terry Sever haven't seen the last of each other. And neither have Farmington Hills voters.

Anzlovor, a planning commissioner for four years, said Monday the electorate should give him a chance to fill the vacancy of former Mayor Fred Hughes. However, he will have to run for election in November if he wants to hold on to the council seat.

Sever, meanwhile, told the council that he probably will run for a council seat in November.

A CITY RESIDENT since 1973, Anzlovor had unsuccessfully run for election in 1977. In 1979, Anzlovor said, he wanted to try again but "was two minutes late in filing."

"I really have not been dissatisfied with how the council has been serving us," said Anzlovor, 42.

Anzlovor said that as a planning commissioner he has dealt with many

of the issues that council has faced, such as the city's building height restrictions.

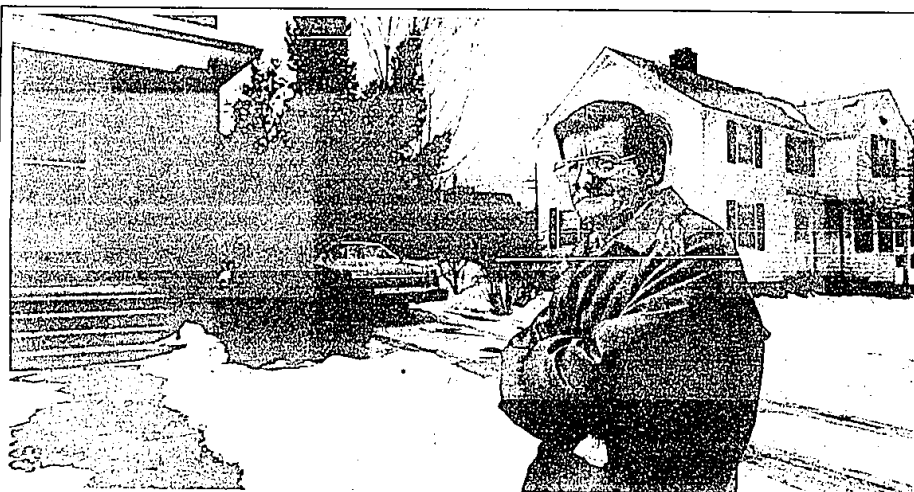
He said he also has a reputation for being an innovator who, "when given a problem, can come up with 10 ways — although they may not all work — of solving it."

He told Councilwoman Joan Dudley that he does not have a "closed mind" but added, "There are issues that I probably have strong feelings" toward. For example, he said, he could find "no compelling argument" for changing the city's building height restrictions.

ANZLOVAR SAID his strongest asset is his willingness to debate an issue, determine his position and then defend it.

"I feel I have been doing that kind of thing as a matter of routine for 10-15 years," said Anzlovor, a financial analyst for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. in Detroit.

Anzlovor is the outgoing president of the Farmington Republican Club and has been active in local homeowners associations.



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Waino Anderson stands on his front lawn contemplating proposed expansions by Oak Hill Nursing Home, which can be seen in the

background. If the plans are approved, the white house behind him will be replaced with a parking lot.

Study puts neighbors on hold

By Diane Gale
staff writer

A committee of the Farmington Planning Commission is expected to complete its investigation of Oakhill Nursing Home's planned expansions in 30 days, according to City Manager Robert Deadman.

Some residents thought the issue would be decided at the commission's Feb. 13 meeting.

Homeowners say the proposed changes will lower their property values, increase traffic problems, affect the historical classification of a nearby neighborhood and diminish the aesthetic value of the area.

In short, they adamantly oppose the changes at Oakhill, which was founded in 1956. The owner of the home, Dr. Ed-

win C. Blumberg, was allowed to build in the residential area under an exceptional use permit, according to Planning Commission chairman William Burke.

"All that we hear is that he (Blumberg) has a right to make changes by law, but we never hear about our rights," said Waino Anderson, who owns the home at 24015 Pickett.

The house will abut a proposed parking lot.

Anderson and his wife, Nadine, stand to lose between 15 to 25 percent in property devaluation if the expansions are enacted, Anderson said.

Blumberg's only response to the Farmington Observer was read by his secretary: "The facility is working on the matter."

HIS EXPANSION plans include the addition of 40 beds to the 136-bed facility, Deadman said.

Other changes in the nursing home, which is valued by the city at \$1.8 million, will involve bringing the facility into compliance with the state health code, which was changed in 1978. This will include enlarging the kitchen capacity, building administrative offices, employee lounges, storage rooms, recreation areas, therapeutic rooms and recreational spots for patients. Two parking lots also are proposed.

The commission will decide if Blumberg may make those changes. Homeowners within approximately 300 feet of the nursing home will be notified when the matter will be discussed, Deadman said. Opponents say they will wait for the commission's decision.

Blumberg also is required to obtain permission for the increase in beds from the Department of Public Health.

"IT MAY COME down to a problem where we will have to file suit to get money back for property," Anderson said. "I don't know at this point what can be done."

Residents have not filed a legal suit against the home because of the expense.

"It would cost \$10,000 just to start a suit, and what will prevent Dr. Blumberg from coming back next year with more plans?" said Irene Dusenberry, who lives at 24010 Pickett.

She said her property value will drop

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City makes move to close down bar

By Steve Barnaby
editor

After approximately 100 police-related incidents in one year, Farmington's Bootlegger Restaurant is facing the threat of liquor license revocation.

A public hearing has been set for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at city hall.

"This is disgraceful," said Councilman Roger Walker, after hearing a report by City Manager Robert Deadman on the Bootlegger situation Monday.

"It must have cost a fortune to have the police running down there," said Walker while leaving through the nine-page police report.

Among the complaints are alleged incidents of fistfights, urinating in the parking lot, trespassing, patrons shouting obscenities, squealing tires and honking horns.

"A review of the data clearly shows that over 50 percent of all incidents (involving Class C establishments) requiring police attention involved the operation of Bootleggers Bar," Deadman told council.

"Over 70 percent of reported crimes of regulatory violations involved the same establishment," said Deadman, referring to Bootleggers.

OVERALL, The number of incidents involving Class C establishments have increased from 129 in 1982 to 188 in 1983, according to police statistics. Incidents involving crimes of regulatory violations also increased from 87 in 1982 to 120 in 1983.

Parking has been a particular problem around the bar. Bootlegger owner Joe Aselone has been plagued by com-

plaints from area residents and some patrons.

Originally the parking situation was at the bottom of the bad feelings between Aselone and residents on neighboring Brookdale. Bootlegger patrons overflowed the parking lot capacity and parked their autos on Brookdale, leaving few places for residents to park.

In December 1982, to alleviate the parking situation, city officials banned street parking on Brookdale for non-residents between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Brookdale residents were issued parking stickers for their vehicles.

But the parking problems persisted.

LAST DECEMBER 47th District Court Judge Michael Hand increased the parking fine along Brookdale from \$10 to \$25.

Adding to the parking confrontation were incidents involving entertainment sponsored by the bar — wet T-shirt contests, banana eating contests and lingerie catwalks.

"An important aspect to note is that the police department hasn't initiated most of these complaints. People around the area are asking for assistance from the department, according to Deadman.

At the Feb. 27 hearing, Bootlegger owners will be given a chance to defend themselves against charges of alleged misconduct, according to Deadman.

Council's decision must be given to the Liquor Control Commission thirty days prior to expiration of the current license in April. A council recommendation will be filed by March 30, according to the city manager.

oral quarrel

Should state test veteran teachers?

Reflecting growing doubts about the caliber of teachers, several states have instituted basic-skills tests for college graduates who seek teaching certificates. Arkansas recently became the first state in the nation to require such examinations for veteran teachers as well. Supporters believe the test will weed out incompetent teachers. Others claim that the tests are an insult to longtime teachers.

Today's Oral Quarrel is:

SHOULD MICHIGAN FOLLOW ARKANSAS IN REQUIRING ALL TEACHERS — INCLUDING VETERANS — TO TAKE AND PASS A BASIC-SKILLS EXAMINATION?

To answer this question, call us at 477-5489 anytime before 1 p.m. Friday. To see how your neighbors feel about this issue, please see Monday's Farmington Observer.

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