

Police expansion plans take another step forward

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compatible with what we've got," he said, referring to the existing city hall. Ziegelman's plans call for a two-story building that eventually would be connected to city hall by a canopy. On the first floor, architects have proposed housing the traffic, detective and command offices, as well as vehicle maintenance, cell blocks, a daily

port and property rooms.

ON THE second level, offices would be designated for the police chief, sergeant, crime prevention, records and the communications network. The basement would house a firing range, lockers, roll call room, storage and armory. Calling it a trend in the industry, Alkateeb said the city could benefit from combining the talents of the architects

and builders and developers. The architect, he said, would be responsible to the developer rather than to the council. But council refused to budge in its intentions to continue with the current architect and the step-by-step process of developing plans. "I think the approach we're taking is the professional approach most organizations take," said Mayor Charles Williams.

Even if the council followed Alkateeb's suggestions, the council would be unable to determine which plans would be best because "we need specialized help." "We just don't have anything for comparability," he continued, adding that council would need drawings (the architect's next phase of design) before comparison could be made between any plans whether by architect or developer. "Obviously you don't understand

much about the building industry," Alkateeb replied. IN OVERLOOKING Alkateeb's suggestion, Councilwoman Jodi Soronen said council had spent a lot of time searching for an architectural firm familiar with police facilities and consequently "I'm not sure I'm at all willing to stop the horses in mid-stream." Taking a different approach, Councilwoman Joan Dudley told Alkateeb she "would require some factual basis

for your projections." She added that while Alkateeb believed a builder and developer could suggest alterations to the plans, based on their experience, the architects could do the same. "I'm getting an inference of a lack of confidence in this architectural firm," Dudley told Alkateeb. Avoiding direct reference to Luckenbach & Ziegelman Inc., Alkateeb said that while some architects build monuments, others build reasonably priced and practical buildings.

Park rehabilitation planned

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lease — hopefully at \$1 a year — if we get the grant from the state," said Deamann, who said that he would be talking to school officials soon. In discussing the proposal, Councilman William Hartsock said he wanted the park "to be for all kinds of family activities, not just one big softball diamond." Farmington, which is one of Oakland County's smallest cities with a population of 11,035 and a land area of just 2.5 square miles, has no parks and recreation department.

Drain planned

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Savage. ONCE THE bonds are sold, construction can begin on the project's second phase. The first phase, completed in 1982, provided a temporary solution to the flooding problem by allowing the overflow to spill into the M-102 right-of-way. The three cities originally had petitioned to sell unlimited general-obligation bonds to pay for the drain. But the state Municipal Finance Commission denied the cities' request. Instead it approved the sale of limited-obligation bonds. General-obligation bonds, which would allow Farmington Hills to levy beyond its present 10-mill maximum, are considered by bond buyers to be preferable to limited-obligation bonds which allow the city to retire the bonds only within its present maximum limit. With a 10-mill maximum and a current 7.8 levy, the city would have approximately 2.2 mills from which bond payments could be made when the principal and interest is due. The cost range of the bonds is estimated to run from \$120,000 to \$240,000 over a 10 years. That translates into one-third mill a year, Savage said.

ton Hills, a larger city which surrounds Farmington on three sides, for recreation programs. But Farmington spends about \$35,000 a year to maintain its two parks — Shawwassee and Drake. It also pays about \$33,000 to Farmington Hills for recreation programs. SHAWWASSEE PARK has softball fields, two swing sets, picnic tables and two lighted tennis courts. The park also offers a tot play area including a swing

set, four plastic Fun-A-Mula, a Krazy Kup, Frontier Climber and a T-swing. Drake Park, located on Drake Road south of Grand River, has two tennis courts, two little league baseball diamonds, a lighted softball/baseball diamond, two swing sets, two slides and four plastic Fun-A-Mula. Farmington's park systems also includes two small sections of property at Oakland and Grand River with benches, old-fashioned street lights and a war memorial.

LIT names honor student

Michael Chekal of Farmington Hills has been named to the dean's honor roll for associate studies at Lawrence Institute of Technology.

To be named to the honor roll a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average and be a full-time student.



James McGrath

Perception names new board member

James E. McGrath of E.F. Hutton & Co. Inc. has been named to the board of directors of Perception of Farmington Hills.

College. He also earned a M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School.

McGrath is vice president of E.F. Hutton Venture Investment Partners Inc. in New York City. Prior to joining E.F. Hutton, McGrath was a management consultant with Bain and Co. He was also chairman and chief executive officer of McLaughlin Inc., a private investment construction firm.

Comerica names vice president

David L. Powell of Farmington Hills has been appointed assistant vice president, corporate real estate department for Comerica Inc. Powell received his bachelor's degree in 1959 from Western Michigan University.

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