



In the discussion Councilmember Joe Alkateeb tried to sort out the political ramifications of each proposal.

# Council cuts computer program

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said. "I think this (\$2.2 million budget) is a very tight budget and well thought out. I think the \$2.2 budget is an honest way to go."

Alkateeb took exception to Williams' suggestion to go with the \$2.2 million budget and defer the purchase of the approximately \$200,000 data processing equipment for city hall.

Analovar, on the other hand, asked whether the council should be raising money for a project such as the data processing system if they are still unsure about the purchase.

"I kind of support adopting an \$8 million budget," Analovar said, pointing out that the only difference between the two proposed budgets was money for the data processing system.

But as council members' opinions began to harden, Alkateeb called it bad

politics for the council to split between budgets with a 2-mill difference.

"The cat is out of the bag," he said. "I wouldn't feel too bad if we take the EDP (electronic data processing) out."

"We don't want to make it a political deal if it's going to hurt us in the future," Alkateeb continued, referring to the chance voters may turn down a possible request for additional millage in November for capital improvements.

As Alkateeb withdrew his support for Dudley's motion to approve the \$11.5-million budget based on \$2.2 mills, Dolan jumped in to add her support.

Despite withdrawing his support of Dudley's motion, however, Alkateeb joined her and Dolan in voting for the \$2.2 mills. Sorensen, Wolf, Analovar and Williams opposed the \$2.2 mills. Alkateeb then sided with the majority on the \$2.0 millage.

## Student honored for 'American' essay

Roman Kuchersky of Hillel Day School met Michigan Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths and received a \$200 savings bond and plaque during award ceremonies in Lansing May 23 honoring the top 10 winners of the American & Me Essay Contest. The annual contest is sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group.

His essay, based on the topic "Why America Needs Me," earned eighth place in the state out of several thousand entries from 550 Michigan schools.

Griffiths, Secretary of State Richard Austin and Attorney General Frank Kelley met with the winners to offer their congratulations.

Following is the essay:

Why America Needs Me

Not too long ago I came here with my parents from Russia. I struggled, not only with the language, but with the adjustment to the new culture and people. My parents took a great risk and gave me the biggest opportunity in my life by just moving to the United States. It was mostly for me, so that I would be able to fulfill my goals in life and not live a life of fear and terror.

America didn't really need me. I needed America, not only for freedom and justice, but for the chance of going to school and become a doctor, lawyer, teacher or a politician who could take

part in America's growth.

Soon, I will become a citizen and be able to vote and take a full part in America's progress. I am grateful to

America for offering me an opportunity to fulfill my goal in life and experience the freedom that is too rare in the rest of the world.

## Hobbyists — prevent injuries

Warning to hobbyists and do-it-yourselfers: Threats to eyesight have been found in home workshops throughout the nation.

Often, the home hobbyist does better in making repairs than in protecting his sight. Eye protection, through the use of impact-resistant safety goggles, is essential of all eye-hazardous tasks, according to experts at the National Society to Prevent Blindness. An esti-

mated 1.3-million Americans suffer eye injuries each year. Forty-five percent of these accidents occur in the home. Most could be prevented.

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