

Tax abatement urged for new Hills business

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he likes the city's "lough reputation." Although Williams said, "for the most part, I am opposed to tax abatement," he suggested some instances where the council might consider granting a tax break.

Those suggested cases include:

- businesses interested in moving to the city from out-of-state which would create new jobs;
- buildings in the city that need rehabilitating, particularly along Grand River Avenue and Eight Mile Road;
- new buildings that would be built where old buildings have been torn down such as on Grand River Avenue or Eight Mile Road.

Williams said he is opposed to using tax abatements to draw in business from other Oakland County communities or other areas of the state because

Bilingual studies aid foreign students

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THE DISTRICT's cost for the bilingual program was approximately \$164,000 for the last school year, Freedman said, and includes salaries for program aides, the coordinator and paper expenses.

"Under the direction of Mr. Alameddine, the program has steadily increased over a six-year period," Freedman said. "I feel the program meets the needs of students quite well."

Alameddine attributes the program's success to his staff.

"We are envious throughout the district for our excellent staff," he says, adding that all teachers must be born and raised within the culture they teach.

It is imperative that the teachers understand their students culture in order to work with them, he says, adding that teachers must also know how to work with the parents too.

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Woll added that tax abatements are supposed to be "incentives" rather than "rewards."

Soronen, on the other hand, said council should "be cautious" with granting tax abatements. But nonetheless, he added that "we would perhaps be better advised to set some guidelines."

ALTHOUGH CONSIDERING tax abatement requests on an individual basis is "fine," Soronen said, having guidelines would let firms know the city's position.

"I would hate to have a policy of absolutely never considering it," Soronen said.

But Alkateeb responded that "once you start doing one, everybody is going to come forth."

Soronen disagreed saying the city has not had a "plethora" of requests for tax abatement.

The most recent unofficial request was from the Robert Bosch Corp. for a new facility planned on the approxi-

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