

Hills council contemplates charter revisions

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With the city charter just a decade old Farmington Hills officials are talking about reviewing and perhaps revising some of its provisions.

Council should review the charter and determine whether the original intent of its provisions still apply today, Dolan added.

A public hearing may be scheduled in the spring to review the charter, Dolan said in a telephone interview late last week.

"We should have input from the public," she said.

ANY PROPOSED changes to the charter would be put on the ballot for voter approval, Dolan said.

Talk of reviewing the charter surfaced at the Jan. 14 council meeting

when Councilman Ben Marks, a former charter commissioner, said his colleagues to consider requiring city council members to resign their post if running for election to a higher office, such as the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

The present charter calls for a board or commission member to resign if running for city council election.

"The problem I have is that I don't think it goes far enough," Marks said, wanting to include council members under the resignation restriction.

Members of the city's boards and commissions have more exposure because of public meetings and press coverage than a citizen running for council, Marks said. The same holds true for council members who are vying for a higher office, he added.

"I'm looking for consistency," Marks said, adding that either both groups of public officials are included under the resignation requirement or both are excluded.

While Marks offered his suggested charter change, Dolan offered another. Dolan suggested reviewing the charter provision for filling vacancies on council. The charter calls for filling the vacancy at the next November general election after a vacancy has opened.

Dolan said perhaps that should be changed to require the vacancy to be filled at the next city election instead of the November election. That would avoid having candidates run for council election during a presidential election, Dolan said.

Although that causes few problems, many voters are interested in voting only for a president rather than for local candidates.

"But I don't want it to be like Farmington," she said.

IN FARMINGTON, a member appointed to fill a vacancy serves out the remainder of the term of the member who is being replaced.

Although Marks has his eye on reviewing a provision of the charter, he indicated he couldn't find much else wrong with the document.

Congressman names Academy nominees

U.S. Rep. William S. Broomfield, R-18th District, announced the names of his nominees who will compete for the 1985 nominations to the United States Air Force, Military and Naval academies.

Nominees from the local area include: for the Naval Academy, Edwin P. Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ridding of Farmington Hills and a 1984 graduate of Clarenceville High School, now attending Lawrence Institute of Technology; Gerald E. Luttman, son of

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Luttman of Farmington Hills, a senior at Harrison High School; and Daniel W. Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ryan of Farmington Hills, a senior at North Farmington High School.

Jeffrey R. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis of Farmington Hills, is competing for an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. He is a senior at Catholic Central High School.

All nominees are selected on a com-

petitive basis as a result of SAT/ACT scores, scholastic record, extracurricular activities, leadership potential, and the recommendations of high school counselors.

Under the competitive appointment system used by Rep. Broomfield, final appointments to the academies will be made by selection boards at each academy. All appointments will be announced before May 1.

For 1985, 20 nominees will compete for two vacancies allotted to the 18th

Congressional District at the Air Force Academy; ten nominees will compete for one vacancy at the Military Academy; and 20 nominees will compete for two vacancies at the Naval Academy.

Rep. Broomfield urges youths interested in attending one of the service academies next year to contact him before November 1985 at 2816 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Funds transferred for building

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police station it's the best place we could put it."

COSTICK SAID he and finance director Charles Rosch reviewed Williams' suggestion prior to the meeting. "Naturally, we're going to be conservative," Costick said, adding administrators would like "to hold on" to the working capital reserve fund.

But Costick added that if council used money in that reserve fund, he couldn't think of a better project than the police building to spend the money on.

"Mr. Rosch and I feel the city is not jeopardized," Costick said.

Costick reminded council, however, that at least 10 percent of the city's annual budget must be held as unreserved surplus for credit rating when it comes

time to sell bonds, as well as for unforeseen financial needs.

With the elimination of the city's working capital fund, city officials will have to use part of the 10 percent surplus to cover the city's bills until state shared revenues arrive, Costick said.

Williams told council that by taking the \$770,000 from the working capital reserve, the city's needed 10 percent surplus won't be affected because the city has approximately \$1.5 million in unreserved cash surplus.

"I think this affords us to cover this down payment without stripping the loan funds or anything else," Williams said.

Test fluoride in well water

Dr. Carolyn Romczik, a Farmington Hills dentist, wants to give away 50 kits for testing the fluoride content in well water.

Fluoride has been added to city water systems in recent years because it strengthens calcified material in teeth and prevents tooth decay, Romczik said. Fluoride also is found in well water, she said.

"It's a natural mineral found in water. It's content varies from site to site."

KIT users will have to pay to send their water samples to the state Department of Health, which supplied the kits. They can be picked up on a first-come, first-served basis at Romczik's office, 30330 12 Mile Road. Call 855-4850 for additional information.



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BRIDAL FASHION SHOW
The highlight of our Bridal Fair - featuring clothes for the bridal couple, bridal party and guests. We'll show Resort wear for the Honeymoon, How to build a trousseau, Lingerie and after hours clothes, and the Bridal Party. Saturday, February 2, 2 pm, Penney Court.

ANTIQUE SHOW
Maple Bunch returns with a variety of dealers featuring furniture, dishes, pictures, jewelry, toys and more - all kinds of quality antiques for the avid collector or ... a trip down memory lane. Thursday thru Sunday, February 7-10, throughout the mall.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
February 14.

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