

# Police building plans proceed in the Hills

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Farmington Hills should begin taking competitive general construction bids in early May for the new Police Building.

City Council members voted unanimously Monday to approve a city manager recommendation that the city plan a schedule around such taking of

bids. Mayor pro tem Joe Alkateeb was absent, due to illness.

At the Feb. 25 council meeting, city staff outlined an approach to be taken on receiving construction management proposals. Under that procedure, invitations would have been mailed out to a selected number of qualified construction management firms.

Those firms would have been interviewed by a selection committee. The

firm chosen would have then submitted a "not to exceed" cost proposal, based on the available architectural plans and specifications and the cost estimates.

The Farmington Hills Building Authority met March 18 to discuss the building's construction. At that meeting, the Building Authority adopted a motion to recommend that the city forego the construction management approach and plan to accept competitive construction bids in early May.

"WHAT'S OCCURRED is simply the architects have been moving full steam ahead," City Manager William Costick said Tuesday. Plans and specifications for the building should be available around April 20.

"They should be in a position to do advertise at that point," he said.

"We feel that the advantage is to do it as quickly as possible. We want to get the contracts before June." Costs are likely to be higher during the summer, the primary construction season.

The construction management approach was originally considered as a time-saving measure.

"It appears now we might be talking about a few weeks difference," Costick said. "It's very marginal now."

On March 19, the state Department of Treasury approved the city's requested \$2,700,000 bond issue to finance the project. The city intends to schedule the sale of bonds a few days after the acceptance of construction bids.

## obituaries

SAID JOSEPH AJLOUNY

Mr. Ajlouny, 74, of Farmington Hills died March 9 in Humana Hospital, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Born in Ramallah, Palestine, Mr. Ajlouny was self-employed.

Survivors include his wife, Kamleh (Shahen), sons Joseph, Nader and Edward; daughters Miriam Khansa, Najla Milhim and Ann Ajlouny; brother, Mousa; sister, Zahwa Shahen; 26 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were March 15 at Our Lady of Redemption Catholic Church with the Rev. George Raahi officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements were made

by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia.

PATRICIA ANN SCHNEIDER

Mrs. Schneider, 70, of Farmington Hills died March 21 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Mrs. Schneider was a salesperson. Survivors include her son, Daniel, John and George; daughters, May Kay VanNeste, Carol Poltorak and Rosanne Refior; two sisters; 15 grandchildren.

Services were March 25 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Maurice Hussey officiating. Burial was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials may be made to the Farmington Hills Senior Adult Emergency Nutrition Fund.

## Makinen

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ministration's help, have come up with in the last 12 years and she is armed with answers.

"When I first came on the board people would say the schools should be run like a business. Well we have gotten more and more businesslike," she said. For example: regular replacement and maintenance schedules of district buildings and equipment.

Also when Makinen was first elected, special education in the district was still in its infancy. Today, she said, Oakland County "is one of the premier counties and Farmington is at the top of the list."

Listing a series of programs which she considers successful, useful and important, Makinen pointed to the district's bilingual program, changing the old junior high into middle schools which incorporate the sixth grade and the gifted program.

"THE GIFTED (program) has been important. No one really thought there would be as many students in it. It's been really important to recognize."

Other programs which seem to hold a special interest for Makinen are girls sports, family life classes and outdoor education.

While sports for girls are still changing, Makinen said, she's convinced that once girls have the training and opportunity they do as well as boys.

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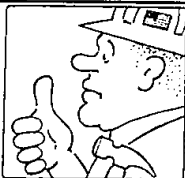
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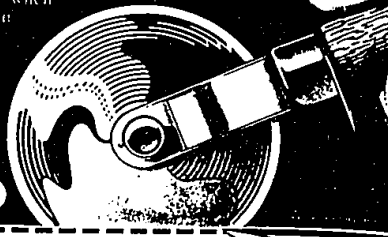
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